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ICE PLANT CAN BE BUILT SAYS MAYOR IF BONDS CARRY

Mason Cites Progress of Public Owned Utilities in Other Cities —Believes Vernon Could Have Same Success—Bowie, Denton, Shamrock, Ballinger Satisfied With Control of Plants.

Mayor Harry Mason, who is very much in favor of the proposed bond issue for light and water, on which the citizenship of Vernon will vote January 3rd, submits his opinion as follows:

"If the light bonds carry, the city commission will build an ice plant in conjunction with the light plant, as this proposition of an ice and light plant has been so fully discussed and understood by all the people. A vote for the bond issue will be construed and accepted as an endorsement of an ice plant as well as a light plant, and the commission will so construe the vote of the people, and a rejection of the bond issue will be construed a rejection of both an ice and light plant.

Where Will We Get the Money for An Ice Plant.

"The ice plant will be built by an issue of City Warrants under the law. Not one dollar of the bond money will be used for the ice plant. We have a bid to build ice and light plant for $100,000, divided as follows: $70,000 for lights and $30,000 for ice. Therefore it would only be necessary to issue $70,000 of the bond to erect light plant, thereby releasing $30,000. The city commission could then issue $30,000 in city warrants against the city's present rate and valuation and build ice plant. And mark you, this can be done without a raise in rate or valuation.

"The city built a high school auditorium costing $15,000 in this same way by issuing city warrants. The city purchased $15,000 of fire fighting trucks in the same way. The city paid over $5,000 of paving on West Wilbarger street in the same way. Every city administration has carried on public improvements in the same way. The county bridge at end of North Main street was built by the county this way. And the city can build an ice plant the same way, and it will be in compliance with the strict letter of the law.

"The following rates and charges submitted of light plants, to show what other towns are charged for current:

Terrell, Texas.—"Beg to advise that the city has an electric plant, and it is on a paying basis, altho our rates are cheaper than our competitor, Texas Light & Power Co. Our rate is 6 cents per kilowatt hour for power, exclusive. For commercial and resident current our charges are as follows: First, K. W., 12c per K. W.; second 10 K. W., 7c per K. W.; third 10 K. W.; and 2c per K. W. for all above 30 K. W. We have four customers to one for the Texas Light & Power and could have more if we were in position to care for it. I trust you will be successful with your bond issue, for it is the only way to get relief from the big corporations.

Greenville, Texas.—"Beg to say that the city of Greenville owns its light and power plant. We have the following free service, which is a thorn in the side of some plants; 1,000 free lights; 295 white-way globes, and all schools and fire departments have free service. Whatever you do vote for the municipal light plant, and do not let anyone tell you that it will not make money. Our rates are as follows; lights, minimum charge, 50c. First 100 K. W. 10c next 200 K. W.; 9 1-2c per K. W.; next 500 K. W., 8 1-2c per K. W. Power, minimum charge, 75c. First H. P., 50c each; first 500 K. W., 4c per K. W.; next 500 K. W., 3 1-2c per K. W.; excess 1,000 K. W., 3c per K. W.; cooking 3c per K. W., no minimum.

Lubbock, Texas.—"Our municipal light plant is a sucess in every way. We are furnishing light at a much less cost than the "Utility" company did, and we are getting a great deal of satisfaction.

City of Lubbock, Light rate—First 25 K. W. H. at 10c per K. W. H.; next 75 K. W. H. at 8c per K. W. H.; excess 100 K. W. H. at 5c per K. W. H.; minimum 75c per month. Power rate—First 200 K. W. H. 7c per K. W. H., next 400 K. W. H. at 6c per K. W. H., excess 600 K. W. H. at 3c per K. W. H., minimum 75c per H. P.

Cooking rate—First 200 K. W. H. at 4c per K. W. H.; excess 200 K. W. H. at 3c per K. W. H.

PYRAMID PREPARES FOR DRILLING IN

BIT PROBABLY WILL BE SENT ON WAY THROUGH ROCK TOMORROW

Rigging up is the program for Pyramid number 2 drillers today, and as soon as that operation is completed, the bit will be sent on its way through the rock upon which the casing has been set. George A. Long, in active supervision of the work for the Pyramid Royalty Co., said this morning that unles untoward circumstances developed, drilling should commence tomorrow.

No conception of the distance still to be traveled before the sand is struck is possessed by Mr. Long and his associates, of course, and not even an opinion is hazarded. Everything is in readiness in the event that oil is struck at any depth, and the utmost caution will be used throughout the progress.

Public Tabooed.

Mr. Long has forbade the presence of the public on the derrick floor on the grounds of safety alone. In order to discredit any charges of unfairness however, he has voluntarily offered to prominent merchants and the city of Vernon the privilege of placing a representative on the derrick floor who may remain at all times to watch operations.

The Pyramid Royalty Co. assumed active management of the hole this morning upon completion of the rotary contract.

"Brady, Texas, (water and lights)—October, 1920, total revenue, $3785.08. Total expense $1295.00. Net profit $2490.08. November, 1920, total revenue, $4184.35. Total expenses, $854.00. Net profit, $3330.35. January, 1921, total revenue, $4132.92. Total expense, $1051.00. Net profit, $2981.92.

Ballinger Light, Power & Ice Co.—Receipts for the year, 1920: Light $19,725.94, power $6,798.58; total $26,424.52.

What a Municipal Light Plant Will Do in Ballinger.

Receipts from light plant $16,000.00, receipts from water plant $10,000.00, received from 25c (old) tax rate on $2,000,000 valuation, old value $5,000.00; total $31,000.00.

Operating expenses per annum $16,000.00; interest and sinking fund, on all bonds both old and new, $11,100.00; receipts above expenses $3,900.00; total $31,000.00.

Privately Owned.

Houston, Texas—Lighting rates, primary, per K. W. H., 9 cents; secondary, per K. W. H., 5 cents; minimum bill per month, 50 cents; all bills in excess of minimum, subject to a 10 per cent discount for payment within 10 days after presentation.

Power rates—retail rate for power, alternating current—First 10 K. W. H. each month per H. P. installed at 5 cents per K. W. H. Next 60 K. W. H. each month per H. P. installed at 2 1-2 cents per K. W. H. All over 67 K. W. H. each month per H. P. installed at 1 3-4 cents per K. W. H. Less 10 per cent for payment within discount period. Minimum bill 25 cents per H. P. or fraction thereof installed. On fans only, add demand charge of 25 cents per H. P. or fraction thereof installed.

"The following towns own their plant—Ballinger, Bowie, Denton, Hallettsville, San Augustine, Whitesboro, Shamrock. These towns have owned and operated their plant for years, and some for 15 years. These facts are respectfully submitted for a careful consideration of the voter.

"HARRY MASON."

House And Contents Destroyed By Fire

Buck Clark living three miles south of Rayland had the misfortune to lose his house, furniture and clothing Tuesday night. It is thought that the fire was caused by a defective flue. No insurance was carried. A committee of Mr. Clark's neighbors were in Vernon, Wednesday to make up a subscription for him, among the merchants of the town.

Mrs. Muller's Barn Destroyed By Fire.

A large barn on Mrs. O. H. Muller's farm six miles north-east of Vernon was burned Wednesday night.

The barn contained bundled feed, hay and implements. A thresher, truck and three grain drills were destroyed. On account of the intense heat only a few binders were saved. Origin of fire is not known.

S. T. REEDER KILLED WHILE BIRD HUNTING LAST WEDNESDAY

Oklaunion Man Dies From Gun-Shot—Little Son Summons Mother Who Finds Husband Lifeless on Arriving—Leaves Family of Six—Burial Today In East View Cemetery.

S. T. Reeder aged 53, prominent farmer living near Oklaunion was accidentally killed, Wednesday morning while hunting in a pasture two miles from his home. The fatal acident was caused by the discharge of a gun which fell from a vehicle from which he had just alighted to shoot at a covey of birds.

Mr. Reeder and little son, Tom, had gone that morning to try out a new gun, a recent gift of the father to the son. They took two guns with them which were not loaded at the time of their leaving home.

The little boy states that on arriving at the scene of the accident, his father left him in the hack with orders that he would shoot first at the covey and then the son was to have a try at the birds with the new gun.

At the sound of the shots from Mr. Reeders gun, the team of mules hitched to the vehicle became frightened and wheeled to run. The gun fell from the seat, was discharged and the whole load entered the left side of the father.

Little Tom seeing that nothing could be done by him went to the house for aid and Mrs. Reeder and eldest daughter, Miss Mansel, went at once to bring the injured man home. On arrival they discovered that he had expired.

Mr. Reeder has been a native of Texas for thirty years and a resident of Wilbarger county for twenty-seven years.

He was married to Miss Anna Rogers of Vernon about the time of his coming to this county and is survived by the widow and four daughters, Mansel, Florence, Annie May and Cora Lou and two sons, Tom, Jr., and Virgil, all at home. Three sisters and one brother live in Kentucky and two brothers in Kansas City.

Mr. Reeder was well known all over the county on account of his long residence and excellent standing in his community. He was one of the most prosperous wheat farmers of that locality.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Baptist church here with Rev. Reed of the Oklaunion Baptist church in charge. Mr. Reeder had been a devoted member of this church for several years. Interment was made in East View cemetery.

MARRIED AT HIGH NOON.

Miss Coleman And Don Parker Are Wed—Leave For Breckenridge On Noon Train.

The home of H. L. Coleman of West Wilbarger was the scene of a very pretty wedding, Wednesday morning when his daughter, Miss Irma Coleman became the bride of Don Parker of Breckenridge, in the presence of the immediate family and a few close friends.

Promptly at high noon the couple, to the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. Earl Coleman, an aunt of the bride, entered the parlor unattended. They were met by Rev. W. P. Garvin, who performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a handsome traveling dress of blue tricotine with acessories to match and carried an arm bouquet of white carnations and ferns. They left immediately after the ceremony for Fort Worth and Eastland where they will visit with relatives, from there they will go to Breckenridge where they will make their home.

Mrs. Parker was a former student of Simmons college at Abilene and this marriage is the culmination of a school day romance. The contracting parties having met each other there a few years ago. The bride also attended school here and has lived in Vernon nearly all her life.

Mr. Parker during the war served his country in the navy. He is manager of a wholesale grocery company at Breckenridge.

Many friends are extending congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.

EX-MAYOR BELIEVES BOND ISSUE BENEFIT

CLAIMS PUBLIC OWNED PLANT SUCCESS—"CITY DAYS" ARE CAPABLE

L. P. Bonner, former mayor of Vernon, has come out in favor of the bond issue for light and water system and submits the following statement as to his views on the question:

"On account of my previous connection with the City I have been asked to express my opinion concerning the proposed bond issue to install a light plant.

"I shall vote for these bonds. I know the city can furnish light current at one-third less than is now being paid by our people. We need more street lights, and our people should have them, and they should have electric current for domestic purposes at the lowest price it can be furnished.

"I have no doubt but what the plant will give us better service at less cost. There is nothing in the proposition that we can't trust our City Commissioners to manage. We trust them to manage the schools, the water and sewer systems, the street improvements, the library, the fire department and all other affairs pertaining to the city government, and certainly we could risk them to direct the light plant which is the least complicated of all.

"I know our water and sewer systems have been a success under the management of the city. I have read Mr. Robinson's article concerning the water and sewer systems and concur in what he says.

"I am convinced the people of Vernon are satisfied with the water and sewer system, and the service given them from these plants. And when we consider that these combined plants were installed with bond issues of only $62,000.00 and of this amount $10,000.00 of these bonds are still held by the City Treasurer leaving $52,000.00 which has originally gone into the water and sewer bonds and the plant built up from this to where it is worth over $100,000 within the last eleven years makes a good showing.

"I do not want to be an agitator upon any question. I have no interests to serve in what I have said except to express my views as a private citizen. I have always considered that the people of every city should have the benefits of these necessities at the lowest possible cost to them, and it is but the duty of every citizen to give his help to this end.

"L. P. BONNER."

DOANS COUPLE ARE WED.

Miss Garner Miller And Claude Briscoe Married At Fargo Christmas Eve.

Miss Garner Miller and Claude Briscoe of the Doans community were united in marriage, Saturday afternoon at the residence of J. K. Green, justice of the peace at Fargo, who also officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Miller and has resided in the county for several years. Mr. Briscoe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Briscoe of this city but has for some time been living on a farm in the Doans neighborhood.

After the ceremony was performed, Mr. and Mrs. Briscoe returned to the home of the parents of the bride where a dinner was served. Dancing was then indulged in to a late hour.

They will make their home for the next year on a farm near Doans.

WILL LIVE IN FARWELL.

Chester Magness And Miss Amy Daniels Married By Justice Griffith At Court House.

Chester Magness and Miss Amy Daniels all of the West Hinds comthe office of the justice of the peace in the court house with Esquire T. J. Griffith officiating Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Magness is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Magness and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daniels al lof the West Hinds community. The young couple will make their home in Farwell.

Entertain With Turkey Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jouett entertained at their home in West Vernon with a turkey dinner on Christmas day. Beside the family and Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jouett, and Esquire and Mrs. T. J. Griffith helped to demolish the turkey.

STOKES VOICES LEGAL OBJECTIONS TO BOND ISSUE

Local Attorney Says City Not Permitted Under Laws of the State to Own and Operate Ice Plant—Thinks First Duty Is to School Children of Community—Cites Examples.

W. N. Stokes, local attorney, is of the opinion that Vernon cannot legally manufacture ice as a municipality. His objections to the proposed bond issue are voiced in the following:

"Those people who vote for the bond next Tuesday thinking they are voting for an ice plant to be established in Vernon are doomed to a great disappointment. The city of Vernon can not engage in the business of manufacturig ice. The laws and constitution of the State of Texas do not give to cities and towns in this State the right to engage in the manufacturing business except in the matter of electric current. Cities and towns are organized under the law primarily for governmental purposes.

"All of the functions of government can not be executed at the capitol of the State, hence it is necessary to give to cities and towns certain rights and powers to govern the people living in them. The right to manufacture electric current was deemed by the Legislature a necessity for the municipalities of the State because a great number of smaller cities had no general lighting system and private capital was not willing to invest its money in such an enterprise in a small town. The legislature, therefore, gave to municipalities the right to issue bonds for the purpose of establishing a light plant.

Bonds for Necessities.

"The same thing can be said of a water and sewerage system. These things were necessary and could not be procured in many towns from other sources, hence the Legislature gave the power to cities and towns to vote bonds and establish them as municipal enterprises. At no time has a city had any right to engage in the manufacturing business generally and it has not that right today. The city commission can not use money paid as taxes for the purpose of building an ice fartory because the laws and constitution of the State do not give them that authority. The reason why the Legislature has not done so is that cities are not organized as commercial enterprises. Their functions are purely governmental with the exceptions above mentioned of a lighting system and a water and sewerage system.

"If a city commission has the right to establish an ice factory and manufacture and deliver ice to its citizens without specific authority from the legislature under laws properly enacted, then the city commission could also manufacture lumber, and for that purpose issue bonds, build and equip a saw mill in eastern Texas for the manufacture of lumber to be sold to the citizens of the city. Likewise it could establish a brick plant and vote bonds, build and equip a brick manufacturing plant and sell brick to its citizens for the purpose of building houses. If a city can establish an ice factory, then it can go into any other line of business the city commission may deem expedient. These enterprises are not governmental in their nature hence a city can not engage in them without specific authority under the law, and the laws of Texas do not give to cities any such authority.

Must State Purpose.

"Furthermore, the money derived from the sale of these bonds could not be used to establish an ice factory even if the city could engage in that line of enterprise under the law because the law requires that the order calling for the election must state the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued and the order calling for this election says not one word about an ice plant. The proceeds of the bonds could not, therefore, be used to establish an ice plant but must be used only for the establishment of a light plant. If the order had stated the bonds were to be issued to establish an ice plant, then the bonds themselves would have been void because the city has no right to issue bonds to establish an ice plant.

"It is claimed by some that the city commission can issue warrants on the

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BOARD REPLIES TO MAYOR'S ARTICLE

SCHOOL TRUSTEES ANSWER ARTICLE IN RECORD OF DECEMBER 23

In refutation of the statements made by the Mayor in the Record of December 23, and as a protest against the refusal of the city commission to order a bond election for a new high school, the school board submits the following:

"We have read with much interest the Mayor's article which appeared in the Vernon Record, December 23. This article, according to the Mayor, was to keep the records straight. We are writing this article for the same purpose. He presents facts and figures to show that High School bonds may be issued without amending the city charter or increasing the tax rate.

Why Not Election?

"We as a school board, respectfully ask why the Commission refused to proceed by ordering an election for a bond issue for a new high school and other school purposes. We also want to know why the City Council at a meeting Tuesday, December 13, passed a resolution asking the city attorney to draw up all necessary papers and documents relative to an election for the purpose of amending our charter, and at the same time voting an additional tax for school purposes.

"Why not pay off the $40,000 in outstanding bonds with the cash on hand in the sinking fund? Why not cancel the $25,000,000 in paving bonds if it is his purpose to provide funds for the erection of a new high school? We only ask that the voters of this city make a personal investigation of our present school system and see the needed improvements, also make close inspection of all the surroundings and see what our teachers have to work with, and decide whether or not we need more and better schools.

"From information furnished by the Mayor to the Trustees, it was our understanding that the only way bonds could be issued for school purposes and the light plant, was by amending our charter and voting an additional tax, which fact is borne out by the resolution passed on the 13th of this month at a council meeting, and to which we have referred to above. Realizing that this meant delay and an increase of taxes, and further realizing the pressing needs of the schools, we respectfully asked the Commission to cancel its order for a light bond issue in order that the high school bond issue could be presented to the people immediately. This request was denied us and now the Mayor assures us that we may have both, the High School and light plant without amending our charter. If this was true, why the above resolution for increasing our tax rate? Again we respectfully ask why the Commission does not issue an order for an election for school purposes

School Board Does Part.

Again, in the way of keeping the record straight, the Mayor states that the city has paid $2,000 this year for paving assessed against the schools. Our books show that we have paid $17,999.85 from the school fund for sidewalks and miprovements of the grounds with the understanding that the paving assessment against the schools would be credited with this amount.

He has also stated on many occasions that he puts this issue before the people because they demanded it.

"Why is the school so personally interested? Because we have made a thorough investigation and in our best judgment, we feel keenly the great need of a modern and well equipped high school.

J. A. BIRDSONG,
MRS. EUGENE KELTZ,
T. L. ROUSE,
EMORY RHOADS,
T. A. KING,
I. S. SEWELL."

MORE BONDS PURCHASED LOCAL FIRM HANDLES DEAL

Bonds to the amount of $114,000 were purchased this week by H. C. Burt and Company of Houston.

The water work bonds for the city of Crowell for $100,000 and the Odell school bonds of this county for $14,000 made up the items of the purchase.

This sale was handled through the firm of Fentress and Walker, a local brokerage firm of this city.

ROBERT HOUSSELS DIES CHRISTMAS AT CALIFORNIA HOME

President of Waggoner National Bank Had Been in Failing Health for Long Time—Funeral Services Conducted In Vernon Thursday Afternoon—Throngs Attend Last Rites.

Robert Houssels, 87 years old, and one of the best known and respected of former Wilbarger county residents, died at Long Beach, Calif. Christmas Day at 4:50 p. m. after a lingering illness. The body was brought to Vernon and funeral services conducted Thursday afternoon from the First Methodist Church. Practically every business establishment in the city closed its door for two hours yesterday afternoon while the ceremony was in progress.

Robert Houssels was president of the Waggoner National Bank of Vernon and widely known throughout this section. He came to Vernon in January, 1891, ad several years later succeeded W. T. Waggoner as head of the local banking institution.

Born Across Waters.

Mr. Houssels was born February 18, 1834, near Cologne, in the province of Rhein, Prussia. He was confirmed in the Lutheran church when 14 years old. The former Vernon resident came to America in 1851 and located in Perry county, Tennessee, in 1854. He became a Master Mason in Linden Lodge 210, A. F. and A. M., in 1858.

In October, 1860, Robert Houssels married Miss Docia Young and ten children, three of whom are dead, were born of this union. His survivors are his wife and seven children: John H., Robert, Bismark, Mrs. C. A. Brown of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. E. H. Archer of Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. J. N. Fain of Greenville, and Mrs. L. G. Hawkins of Vernon.

Wife Unable to Come.

Bismark and Robert Houssels accompanied the body of their father to Vernon. Mrs. Houssels, on account of illness, was unable to make the journey. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fain of Greenville also came here for the funeral.

Magnificent floral offerings at the services yesterday attested to the love and respect in which Robert Houssels was held. Throngs of former friends and acquaintances packed the church auditorium in final foken to one of the city's pioneers. Rev. C. A. Waterfield was in charge of the services, and was assisted by two of Mr. Houssel's former pastors, Rev. J. G. Miller of Durant, Okla., and Rev. A. W. Hall of Weatherford. Burial was in East View cemetery.

Pall Bearers at Funeral.

Active pall bearers at the funeral yesterday were L. E. Piper, W. H. Huggins, S. C. Hogsett, Harry Colley, Daniel Bond, J. V. Townsend, J. S. Cook and W. K. Long. Honorary pall bearers were W. O. Anderson, T. H. Shive, J. E. Dodson, J. A. Birdsong, Lon Byars, T. J. Youngblood, W. D. Berry, S. W. Bailey, C. T. Smith, C. E. Basham, H. F. McKibbin, T. P. Lisman, J. A. Dixon, J. B. Morris, S. A. Castlebury, Alex Streit, Godfrey Streit, J. E. Lutz, C. S. Ballew, R. L. Castlebury, W. T. Waggoner.

GASSED ON VISIT TO SANTA.

Odell Farmer's Son Is Revived After Being Nearly Asphyxiated Christmas Eve.

Going to see Santa Claus' headquarters at Odell came very near proving the undoing of one little boy, Saturday. S. E. Hise living three miles northeast of Odell placed his two little sons, on the floor of the car in the rear and covered them over with a blanket as the morning was cold. On reaching Odell, one little fellow jumped out but the other failed to follow him.

On uncovering the child they discovered him almost past medical aid. At first it was thought by the men who applied restoratives that the boy was unconscious from cold but such was not the case. No mat was in the bottom of the car and the exhaust from the engine had almost asphyxiated him. The other boy had kept his head out and escaped the danger. After two hours strenuous work, the boy revived and finished his Christmas shopping not much the worse for his experience.

Vernon Theater

Friday and Saturday

"The Night Horseman"—Tom Mix

Romance of a man whose nature is so wild that he shuns God's creatures except his horse and dog, until the sorrow of those who love him tames him.

Sunshine Comedy—

"LOVE AND WAR"

Second Chapter Winners of the West

Monday and Tuesday

"The Devil Within"—Dustin Farnum

Mutt and Jeff and Fox News

Wednesday and Thursday

"HANDCUFFS OR KISSES"

—Elaine Hammerstein

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general fund of the city in payment for machinery necessary to establish an ice plant. The law requires the city commission to provide for the levy of a tax sufficient to pay the interest and at least 2 per cent of the principal of a debt and such levy must be made at the same time the debt is incurred. No city commission in Texas is permitted even to issue bonds of such city for a sum greater than $2,000 without an election first being had and a majority of the voters voting favorable thereto, hence it can be seen at once that warrants of the city could not be issued for an ice plant.

Will $100,000 Be Enough?

"It has been suggested by the advocates of these bonds that the city of Vernon can establish its light plant with $100,000 and at the same time or later vote additional bonds sufficient to build and equip an adequate high school. In the first place $100,000 will not more than be a starter for a light plant in Vernon. The town of Altus, Oklahoma, has owned and operated its light plant for a number of years. It already owns its power plant, buildings, machinery, etc., necessary to manufacture electric current and a large equipment for its distribution. The town of Altus covers a much smaller area than the town of Vernon.

"The business houses and residences of Altus are built close together while at Vernon we all know our residences are scattered and our town covers three times the area of most any other town of its size. Altus is a town of 4,000 people. Vernon has more than 6,000. At Altus they have just recently voted $115,000 additional bonds, the proceeds of which are to be used to repair and extend its light plant.

Two Plants at Lubbock.

At Lubbock, Texas, the city owns a light plant. There is also a privately owned light plant at Lubbock which supplies a large percentage of its inhabitants with current. The town of Lubbock invested something like $100,000 originally in its light plant. That town has a population of slightly more than 4,000, yet they are contemplating voting an additional $110,000 of bonds, the proceeds of which are to be used to repair and extend its municipal plant. Now if it takes $115,000 plus the original cost of its machinery, building and equipment to build and properly extend a light plant at Altus, and $210,000 to build and properly extend a light plant at Lubbock, how can the town of Vernon hope to build and equip a complete lighting system for less than half that amount? It simply can not be done. If we vote these bonds we are going to find that within a short time we will have to vote at least an additional $100,000 to complete the system. In that event our school buildings and streets are bound to be neglected.

"The school board says that we need a high school building. Their estimate is that an up-to-date high school, one that would meet the needs and demands of the children of our town, would cost $200,000. The town of Commerce, Texas, a town much smaller than Vernon, has just recently built a modern high school at a cost of $200,000 and a prominent citizen of that town recently told me that the building was not too large and did not more than meet the demands. Our school board says, however, that we could possibly build and equip our high school for $150,000. The Mayor and city secretary told me yesterday that the full limit of bonds we can issue at this time is approximately $194,000. That is based upon last year's valuation of property and every one knows that property generally has declined in value at least 25 per cent the present year which, if true, would reduce proportionately the amount of bonds we could issue.

Not Enough for Both.

"Suppose we issue $100,000 for an electric light plant. We could issue only $94,000 for a high school. This is the extreme limit placed upon our ability to issue bonds by our mayor upon last year's valuation. This amount of money is not sufficient to build the high school our children should have, but if we take their view of it and vote bonds for the light plant and the school building, our ability to issue bonds is then completely exhausted. We will have an inadequate high school, one that would be entirely unsatisfactory, and when we shall realize the fact that to complete our light plant we must have an additional $100,000, our condition will be pitiable.

"It has been suggested that we could vote for high school purposes an additional $25,000 if the city commission should cancel that amount of water and street bonds now on hand and unsold. That is unthinkable. We would then have no money to extend our paved streets and connect up with the county roads to be paved the coming year from the recent county wide bond issue, and no good citizen wants to see a naked gap between our paved streets and our county roads.

Rate Not Established.

"It is said that the man of small means will vote for the light plant because it will give him cheaper lights. The municipal plant at Altus, Oklahoma, charges 16c per kilowat for its current and the municipal plant at Memphis, Texas, charges 17 1-2c for its current. I do not believe a municipal plant at Vernon could produce current cheaper than a municipal plant in these towns. I see no reason why it could do so. The mayor of Memphis has recently said to one of our citizens that if we want to go in the light business we can buy a plant from his town at a bargain. In other words they are sick of the business at Memphis.

"But aside from this, my observation is that the man of small means is just as ambitious for his children to have a good education as the man of large means. His children are certainly entitled to the very best education the town of Vernon can give them. Few great men come from rich families. With few exceptions the great men of this country have come from the poorer classes. The man of small means in rare instances can afford to send his children to the colleges and universities of the country, hence it is of vital importance to him that our high school furnish the best possible facilities for educating his children. We can not possibly build a high school if we vote these light bonds. The figures above given for voting bonds are the highest, the most enthusiastic supporters of the bond issue will dare make and personally I do not believe we can vote anything like the amount of bonds they claim we can after the assessments are made the coming year.

May Have to Amend Charter.

It is practically certain we can not do so without amending our charter and raising the taxes. The mayor and city commission evidently do not think we can do so without amending the charter and raising the taxes because on Tuesday of last week, when the ladies of the various clubs of the city asked the city commission to take steps for the building of a modern high school, the city commission passed the following resolution to-wit: "Whereupon Rogers made a motion which was duly seconded by Napier that the city attorney be instructed to proceed to draw up the necessary notices and regulations so that the voters can amend the city charter by increasing the amount of taxes for school purposes and the building of a modern high school building for the city of Vernon to be submitted to a vote of the people at an election for an amendment. All voters voting aye.

"If we can have an electric light plant and a high school building without amending the charter and raising our taxes, then why did the city commission pass that resolution? I do not believe the people of this town will stand a raise in taxes, nor do I believe they ought to be expected to do so. Our taxes are so high now that they are a severe burden to most of us and I do not believe we can stand a higher tax rate especially under the present valuations which are also too high. This means we will have no high school. It means the children of this town shall not have the same advantages that are provided for children of other towns not even in Vernon's class.

Duty to Children First.

"Every vote cast for these light bonds is a vote against the high school children of this town and especially those children of parents who are unable to send them away to school. We have no higher duty in life than to provide the coming generation with the very best possible opportunities to procure a thorough education and if we jeopardise the opportunities of the children of our town to procure the very best education, even though by doing so we should reduce our light bills a few cents, we are putting a greater value on that few cents in money than we place upon the education of our children and ought to be ashamed of ourselves.

"The laws of Texas provide the city commission with every facility they they could wish to inform themselves of the financial condition, expenses, receipts, etc., of the Texas Public Service Company. It gives to them the right to fix and establish the rate to be charged by that company for its current. It seems to me if we can regulate and establish the rates to be charged by the present light company without investing a dollar in it, it is much better to do that than it would be to invest a $100,000 of the people's money in the same kind of a plant when all we could possibly do would be to regulate its rates.

One Issue He Opposes.

"I never voted against a bond issue in my life and if the city commission will submit to the voters a proposition to vote bonds in any amount for school purposes, I will vote for it, but I will never consent to invest the people's money in an enterprise of this kind under present conditions and do not believe any other voter ought to do so.

"W. N. STOKES."

G. T. Allman of Wichita Falls and a former station agent of the Fort Worth & Denver came Sunday for a visit with his sister, Mrs. W. C. Pitts and other relatives.

Miss Grace Massie, deputy county clerk at Roswell, N. M., and a former resident of Vernon arrived Saturday for a visit with her brother F. L. Massie and family.

Clyde Batchelor, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Batchelor is home for the Christmas vacation from Kemper Military school at Boonville, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith and family of Wichita Falls are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ross.

Miss Winnie Jewell Norwood, teacher of music at Crowell, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Norwood of West Paradise street.

Mrs. Katy Bledsoe of Wichita Falls is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. F. Hope and brothers, R. L. and S. A. Castlebury.

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This famous line of Pianos and Player Pianos is known the world over. I have a nice line of these Pianos at 218 Marshall St. If you are in the market for a Piano it will pay you to see me. I will save you money. I have the right instrument at the right price. Easy terms if you want terms. See Me B 4 U Buy. Respectfully,

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Liberty Cafe

—Extends to the people of Vernon and Wilbarger County its hearty greetings and best wishes for the incoming New Year.

If you eat our NEW YEAR'S TURKEY DINNER you will eat with us all the rest of the year.

Liberty Cafe

"We Build the Ladder on Which We Rise"

This is the sentiment which it seems to us should be uppermost in all minds with the coming of the New Year. We BELIEVE IN OKLAUNION and Wilbarger County—in the indomitable spirit of a Citizenship which has transformed this country in a brief span from a wilderness to one of THE FIRST in all Texas.

We extend NEW YEAR GREETINGS to our friends and customers, and ask that you LET US HELP you BUILD.

First Guaranty State Bank

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J. W. RAINWATER, Vice-President
ROSCOE RAINWATER, Cashier

Oklaunion, Texas

Our New Year Greeting to Friends and Customers:

May your Happiness and Prosperity be measured only by the length of the days of 1922. May you be granted Strength and a Will to Work; Courage to OVERCOME every difficulty; and when another New Year comes, may you have realized the DEAREST WISH of your heart.

You will find us BETTER PREPARED to SERVE you during 1922 than ever before.

Russells

WHERE PRICE AND QUALITY MEET

THE MAN WHO PROSPERS is the man we envy. We hope you'll be Prosperous and Happy during 1922. Our Faith in Wilbarger county and Wilbarger people increases with the years—that is why we Look FORWARD to 1922 as the BEST YEAR in our experience. We hope it may be for you the same.

Parker-Donges Grocery Co.

Remember the Poultry Show, January 13 and 14, and be sure to use that famous Chase and Sanborn Coffee.

IS SOURCE OF SUMMER REFUGE

ICE CREAM FACTORY AIDS IN RELIEVING OPPRESSION OF HOT WEATHER

The Vernon Ice Cream Factory is owned and managed by F. A. Gelhausen and the plant stands near the City Hall. Mr. Gelhausen came to Vernon in 1891, remembered by old citizens as one of the banner years of the county. He went immediately into the bakery business in which he continued until five years ago when he sold his interest and went into the ice cream factory.

Prior to this Mr. Gelhausen had made and sold ice cream in the bakery but he decided that more money could be made through wholesale deliveries. He also retails this good cream in enormous quantities.

110 Gallons Daily.

In the summer months when the mercury stands around the 110 mark, folks' minds naturally turn to something cooling and ice cream suppers and individual parties are prevalent. It is then that Mr. Gelhausen averages 110 gallons of this frozen dainty every day. Some days the gallons creep up to 200 a day. Then all the force is called in to rush the ice cream out to the perspiring multitude.

Manufactures Candy.

When the chill of winter approaches and ice cream gives way to hot drinks, he makes candy that is sold in the grocery stores here to grown ups and "kiddies." Through the summer also finds a ready sale for potato chips as well as in the winter. Salted peanuts find a ready market, too. These are sold in the store although sometimes the public drive by the door and purchase the hot potatoes and peanuts fresh from the stove.

Cream made in the factory is shipped up and down the Denver and is sent into Oklahoma.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB RECENTLY ORGANIZED

A number of young women met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Huggins November 20, to organize a Home Economics Club. After some discussion it was decided that the club should meet every third Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and that the first half hour should be spent in demonstration of the menu, the next hour in study, and the remaining half hour in a social way.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. A. Birdsong, president, Mrs. A. F. Winston, vice president, Mrs. Marvin Sharp Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. H. A. Conner, parliamentarian and Mrs. W. R. Hooper, press reporter.

After the organization was completed the hostess served delicious refreshments to the club.

The Home Economics club met at the home of Mrs. Roy Abbott, December 23. Her home was attractively decorated with holly and evergreens. After all business was completed and the program rendered a delightful Christmas menu was demonstrated and served. Each guest was then presented with a gift from the beautiful decorated Christmas tree.

The membership of the club consists of: Mesdames W. H. Huggins, J. A. Birdsong, A. F. Winston, D. Norwood, H. A. Conner, Marvin Sharp, Price Denny, W. E. Colley, Homer Rogers, Roy Abbott, W. R. Hooper, T. G. Lane, Dan Sumner, W. T. Berry, W. J. Stuckler, Oscar Holman, S. E. Smith, August Tennyson, Claude Hardison; and Misses Geraldine Parker, Lily Castlebury, Robbie Castlebury, LuCile Holt and Beulah Ladd.

Ivies Elec Shoe Shop.

Ladies 1-2 soles $1.00
Ladies 1-2 soles guaranteed to wear 2 months ordinary wear $1.25
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Some people say that they can't wear shoes after they have been 1-2 soled—come and give me a trial all work guaranteed.

Sale on school children shoes, good broad bottoms sewed on welts. These shoes are the best of quality. Guaranteed. Sale price $2.65 to $2.85.

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Do You Want a Farm?

Would you buy or trade for a good Wilbarger county farm, where you can raise more cotton than you can gather Or would you consider buying a COZY HOME in the prettiest and most prosperous little city in all the northwest? It is in Vernon, Wilbarger county, Texas.

J. R. Jones will be pleased to show you the BEST PROPOSITIONS offered for sale or trade; also house rentals

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FORMER VERNON MAN KILLED OVER BUSINESS SETTLEMENT

John Tolbert, Jr., a former resident of Vernon, and son of J. H. Tolbert of El Centro, Calif., was shot and instantly killed there last week. The trouble arose over a business settlement and without warning he was killed by the manager as he walked into the place where he had been formerly employed.

Mr. Tolbert is survived by a widow and two children. He is a brother of Miss Lena Tolbert and a nephew of Mrs. Jas. B. Ross and Mrs. J. H. Pettit of this city.

Mrs. Manis Is Hostess.

Mrs. C. C. Manis entertained her Sunday School class Friday afternoon at her home on Bowie and Olive streets. The feature of the afternoon was candy making for the benefit of poor children. Many well-filled stockings were given out.

Rev. J. G. Miller of Durant, Okla., and Rev. A. W. Hall of Weatherford, are in Vernon. They assisted in the conducting of the funeral services for Robert Houssels and were pastors of church formerly attended by Mr. Houssels.

Mrs. Colley Hostess to Musicians.

Mrs. H. O. Colley was hostess to the Musician's Club Wednesday afternoon. The club responded to roll call with names of celebrated composers, singers or violinists. The following program was given: Piano duet (a) Arab Dance, Mathilde-Bilbro (b) Scarf Dance, Chaminade—Mesdames S. P. Ingram and E. A. Vernon; vocal solo, (a) When Love Is Done, Eleanore MacLean (b) Near the Well (Irish Song), Agnes C. Quinlan—Mrs. E. C. Christian; Famous Women in Musical History—Miss Rhoads; piano solo, Impromptu, Lily Strickland—Mrs. Guy Puckett; musical reading, Food For Gossip and Loyalty of Men—Mrs. C. J. Farrell; The Influence of Women on the Great Composers—Mrs. J. O. Rouse; violin solo, Mi Tereseta, Teresa Carreno—Mrs. R. S. McConihe; vocal solo, Little Mother of Mine (sung by McCormack) Mrs. P. W. Hendrix.

Recovering From Operation at Altus.

Miss Mary Katherine Massie is reported recovering nicely from an operation for appendicitis. Miss Massie accompanied her aunt, Miss Grace Massie, who is visiting here from Roswell to Altus to spend Christmas with relatives. On arriving she became seriously ill and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Massie, were notified. They arrived in time for the operation. Mr. and Mrs. Massie and son, Joe, are with her there and Frank, Jr., returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. R. H. Coffee and niece, Miss Mildred McCrary, are in Nolanville on a visit to relatives there.

Condition Still Unsatisfactory.

Mrs. Sam Randall, who underwent an operation Christmas Day, is still in a serious condition.

Youth in Serious Condition.

Lewell, 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Childers, living in northwest Vernon, underwent an operation for appendicitis Wednesday. He is still in a serious condition.

Rev. W. P. Garvin, presiding elder of the Vernon district, will occupy the pulpit of the First Methodist Church here Sunday morning and evening.

GREETINGS FROM THE TEA ROOM

May the New Year bring YOU Friends who are True, Health in Abundance and a Realization of your Dearest Desires is our wish. We extend sincerest thanks to our friends and customers for 1921, and invite you to make the Tea Room your home during meal time during the coming year.

THE VERNON TEA ROOM
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STYLE HEADQUARTERS Where Society Brand Clothes are sold

May contentment share with prosperity in all your efforts throughout the coming year

Brunson & Williams

New Year Greeting

In extending our most Sincere Good Wishes to the people of Wilbarger County for the New Year, may we suggest that you include in your New Year Resolutions this one—

"THE BOLL WEEVIL SHALL NOT PASS"

We must not permit the Boll Weevil to get a foothold in Wilbarger county. To keep him out will require untiring effort, but it is worth all it costs.

When buying feed, consider the superior value of Meal and Hulls.

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LIONS ROAR

MEANING

Happy New Year to You

Don't sit supinely on your roost, but come along and help us boost for better things of every kind, and leave your kicking clothes behind.

So let us boost for better streets, and softer beds and better sheets; for smoother lawns and better lights, and shorter winded blatherskites; for finer homes and larger trees, for bats and boots and bumble bees. For better grub and bigger pies, for two more moons to light the skies. And let the Lions' claws be loosed on every man who doesn't boost.

VERNON LIONS DEN

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Cub C. Fred Russell, "Tail Twister", "Fred"

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Cub John Storey "John"

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Cub Marvin C. Culbertson, "Cub"

ABDOMINAL SURGEON
Cub Wm. R. Moore, "Doc" "Bill"

RESTAURANT
Cub L. M. Anderson, "Lind"

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WHOLESALE GAS AND OIL
Cub A. B. Swartwood, "Bailey"

AUTOMOBILE SALESMAN
Cub J. H. Moseley, "Mose"

FIRE INSURANCE
Cub F. E. Nowlin, "Forrest"

HARDWARE
Cub A. F. Winston, "Aleck"

BOOKKEEPER
Cub Keith Berry, "Keith"

LIFE INSURANCE
Cub J. V. Owens, "John"

CLEANING AND PRESSING
Cub W. T. Berry "Bill"

LUMBER
Cub Jim Jordan, "Jim"

PROTESTANT MINISTER
Cub Gus Ramage, "Gus"

INSURANCE
Cub O. O. McCurdy, "Mack"

GROCER
Cub Adam Donges, "Adam"

DRUGS
Cub Roy McConihe, "Roy"

DENTIST
Cub J. G. Sherman, "Doc" "Guy"

R. R. AGENT
Cub G. H. Wheeler, "Wheel"

RACKET STORE
Cub W. T. Milam, "Tom"

OUR CREED

L—Loyalty to country, community and home.
I—Individual integrity in thought, word and deed.
O—One flag, one language.
N—New ideals, new hopes, new ambition in business and profession.
S—Service that is founded on the Golden Rule.

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Vernon, Texas, Friday, Dec. 30, 1921

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HELPING OURSELVES IN 1922.

The Childress Index suggests that their Chamber of Commerce assume one task for the coming year—that is to see that every farmer in the county have at least two or three milk cows and from three to a dozen brood sows. A Childress banker suggests the plan of getting baby chicks into the hands of farmers to increase poultry production.

Isn't that a combination for prosperity Is there anything finer than that that a Chamber of Commerce could do?

Adam Donges says that the Plainview country's big crop is poultry. And this is a sure crop. Wet or dry seasons effect it less than any other crop. It requires relatively small capital and is specially suitable for intensive "cultivation."

All this means that, as a whole, there would be no "crop failures;" and that instead of farming a section, most men would use only perhaps a twentieth of that amount. This would tend to increase population three, four, or even ten fold.

The poultry marketed at Plainview brings in more money, it is said, than their wheat, or than any other single crop. It was about $1,500,000 in 1921.

All of these considerations make a plan similar to that of Childress and to the Hale county plan for intensive poultry growing inestimably desirable for Wilbarger county. Figure, if you can, what it would mean to all of us if Wilbarger county farmers might market $1,500,000 of poultry in a year, a third that many hogs, and even a quarter of a million dollars worth of cream!

PUT YOUR MONEY IN THE BANK.

In a recent issue the Washington Evening Star comments on the robbery of an eccentric herb doctor at Delta, Ohio, of $29,000 which he carried in a pocketbood in preference to investing a li[b]erty bonds or depositing is th[e] money in a bank. This sum rep[re]sented of the [o]ld man's lifetime savings.

$200,000 [a] sort of reasoning has fortu[n]ately, a [fe]w people who distrust [b]anks, and there are now com[p]aratively few people who hoard their sav[i]ngs. Not long ago a prominent citizen told me that [h]e kept them about personally [i]n large and did not [l]ike cupboards and sugar [b]owls in demands. Our sc[h]ools are loose bricks, and [n]ever, that we could [n]ot issue Bonds are rec[o]mmended to equip our high sch[o]ol. Banks are recMayor and city secre[t]aries secure than any terday that the full lim[i]t found. can issue at this time is [a]bout equal to bring $194,000. That is bas[e]d on people. The year's valuation of propert[y] through one knows that property ge[n]erally declined in value at least 25 the present year which, if true, [w]ould reduce proportionately the amo[u]nt not bonds we could issue.

Not Enough for Both.

"Suppose we issue $100,000 for [t]hat first-class security at that rate, he would be $1,740 to the good every year. Or, if he put it in the bank in a savings account at 3 per cent his annual return would be $870, compounding. In other words, he was losing at least $870 a year whether he kept the money safely or not, losing it just as surely as though somebody had taken it from him. Now he has lost principal as well as interest.

POOR OLD MEXICO.

This is the story of a day: "One Witness Saw Twelve Men Hanging;" "Man Seriously Wounded After Argument at Mexia;" "Two Are Killed as Relatives Battle;" "Five Autos Seized by Dry Law Officers Sold;" "Woman Fatally Beaten at Yantis;" " Public Warned to Keep Away from Mail Car;" "Negro Bank Messenger Robbed of $8,000;" "Two Bandits Get $4,000 from Bank at Arkansas;" "State Takes Hand in Wilson Killings;" "Arlington Man Shot;" "Masked Men Get $2,000 from Bank in Oklahoma;" "Ex-officer is Acquitted of Murder of His Wife;" "Extra Policemen at Sherman;" "Unknown Woman is Found Unconscious;" "20,000,000 Counterfeit Revenue Stamps Seized;" "Hassell is Facing Two More Charges;" "Tulsa Mob Fails to Get Three Prisoners;" "Ranger Policemen Ordered Oust Bootleggers"—but why consume space. Mexico is a lawless Republic. For the sake of the fathers and clinging ever to the early traditions of the republic it will never do to recognize the Aztec Republic.—Wichita Record-News.

Referring to the fact that Earl Grey, one of England's greatest men, who has been practically blind as a result of over work some years ago, is recovering his sight since becoming engaged to Lady Glenconner—Jess Adams of Plainview observes that "falling in love with a widow is calculated to open a man's eyes."

PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE FIRM ENJOYS GOOD BUSINESS

Two years ago the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of California with Dewey Wilson as manager went into the field for prospects in Wilbarger county. Since that time with Vernon as the head office they have branched out into twelve counties.

Dewey Wilson is district agent and Homer Wilson a brother is special agent. Mrs. Dewey Wilson who assists in the office has the business at her finger tips and is credited with much of the success the company has enjoyed here. She has charge of all correspondence and by a system entirely her own finds new prospects for the firm.

Both the manager and special agent have qualified, in the first half of the year for the trip to New Orleans, in March, which is a yearly event staged by the head offices in California in some large city. Last year the agents were invited to San Francisco for this annual affair. The Wilsons were gone on that trip six weeks.

The company's slogan and business agreement is "It pays five ways, for sickness, accident, permanent and total disability, old age and death. 4 while you live and 1 when you die."

OIL COMPANY ESTABLISHED IN 1902 DOES BIG BUSINESS

The Vernon Cotton Oil Company was established here in 1902 and the oil mill property occupies ten acres. Situated just north of the Denver tracks and near the freight depot, the company has excellent facilities for loading their products.

J. O. Bomer of Brownsville, Tenn. is president of the company and Daniel Bond is secretary-treasurer and general manager. C. A. Kressenberg is the mill superintendent. P. W. Hendrix is cashier and Clark Ish is assistant cashier.

The company employs 65 to 70 men and the pay roll runs $1,100 per week for labor. In 1917, this corporation made some extensive improvements about the property; the mill was remodeled and enlarged, the new seed house was built and the office of red brick was erected. This improvement increased the capactiy of the mill. The mill is six presses capacity and oil, cake, meal, hulls and linters are turned out. On account of the mild winter, the cattlemen who are heavy buyers have so far not purchased heavily, cake, meal and hulls.

The linters, that is the short lint cotton baled up is yet on the yards because of no demand for same. During the war the government had a contract with the mills to take all they had at a fancy figure. This cotton was used in making high explosives. This company since the war has managed to dispose of about half a dozen bales at a price that will not pay for the ties and bagging used.

FEMININE AGENCY MAKES GOOD

Mrs. Eugene Keltz Was Taking Magazine Subscriptions Until Profitable Field Opens

Mrs. Eugene Keltz with offices over the Wide-A-Wake store at the corner of Pease and Main, is the first woman of this city to enter the real estate business. Three years ago she was taking magazine subscriptions when a friend who was about to lose a place by foreclosure asked her to try and sell her home. She closed the trade in three days and made $100. The next two months she made $1,000.

When the oil boom came, to oblige another woman friend, she undertook to sell some acreage. This she did with in a short time. The first thirty days after the Sigler well came in she made ten thousand dollars. The quickest sale made by her was when she sold out an entire sub-division in thirty-six hours.

Business is brightening up now along the lines she deals in, town and country property. Mrs. Keltz "salted" some of this easily earned money in Vernon and Wilbarger real estate and says she is looking ahead for the next oil rush.

Record classified ads bring results.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Youngblood of West Wilbarger street have as their guest this week, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Youngblood and children of Paducah and Mrs. Rayburn Kimberlin and son Ray of Altus, Okla.

LUMBER COMPANY HERE MANY YEARS

WM. CAMERON FIRM COMES TO VERNON SOON AFTER RAILROAD

Wm. Cameron and Company was one of the first lumber companies to follow the call of the Denver. It set up soon after the arrival of the railroad but left later when the dry years came. But returned in the '80s.

The records of this company were burned sixteen years ago and much of the history of this firm perished. For thirty years, citizens of Oklahoma and Texas have been buying lumber at this place.

Peck Manager Long Time.

H. W. Houk was manager in 1906. He was succeeded by A. P. Peck who remained manager so long that most people of the town and county remember no other. Fred Gardner took Mr. Peck's place but resigned one year ago when the present manager, James A. Jordon of Berncastle, Germany, arrived to assume the duties of that office.

Mr. Jordon's home was in Dallas but when the army of occupation began to receive discharges and ceased to be guardian of the Kaiser, Mr. Jordon wired the home office for his old job which he had previously held at Memphis. He spent four days with home folks in Dallas and came on to Vernon.

At present Mr. Jordon is assisted by Floyd Monday. The Cameron Lumber company occupies one-half block and is situated on Cumberland street.

ABBOTT WINS FLORIDA TRIP FROM INSURANCE COMPANY

Leland Abbott, of Amarillo, a former Vernon man and son of Mrs. A. Allison, recetly qualified for a trip to Miami, Florida. The prize was given by the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company for writing $100,000.00 worth of insurance. Mr. Abbott has only been with the company three months.

He is home for the holidays but will leave January 1 on his trip to the South.

GROCERIES

It is good business to pay as you go, so why not start the New Year right by paying cash for your eats?

There is satisfaction in knowing that there are no grocery bills to pay on the first of the month.

My stock is new, my store is clean, my price is right, my service is courteous and quick and every purchase is appreciated.

I solicit a portion, at least, of your grocery business for the ensuing year.

With the Season's Greetings, I am,

Yours truly,

J. C. Smith, Groceries

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

I wish to extend to the ladies of Vernon and surrounding country my sincere thanks for their patronage this past season. Especially do I thank my friends and old customers who so liberally patronized me. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year—

NAYLOR'S MILLINERY

USED CAR BARGAINS

1 Dodge Brothers Touring Car . . $250.00
1 Dodge Brothers Touring Car . . $415.00
1 Dodge Brothers Touring Car . . $600.00
1 Ford Coupe $395.00

All of these cars are in excellent condition and we will stand behind our cars and work. Take advantage of these bargains as they are real hard-time buys. Good batteries, good tires, good tops and good values for every cent that is asked for them. Terms.

Happy New Year

J. A. McFall

Phone 444 — 330 N. Main St.

New Year Greetings

We extend to our Friends and Customers GREETINGS for the New Year—thanking you heartily for the most prized of all favors—your patronage during 1921.
We hope you will continue to trade at the same old PLACE during 1922, where you will always be TREATED RIGHT.
We are headquarters for School Supplies, Oil and Gas. We sell the Famous VERA-BEST Flour, and sure that a trial will make a REGULAR CUSTOMER of you.

Oklaunion Grocery Company

General Merchandise
Oklaunion, Teas

WITH EVERYBODY FACING THE NEW YEAR we take this occasion to extend Greetings to our Friends and Customers. ¶ May your days be PEACEFUL and your hands be BUSY at Pleasant and Profitable employment during 1922—what better wish can we make for you?

Remember the Poultry Show in Vernon, January 13 and 14

CROW SISTERS

A New Year Suggestion

—Our faith in Wilbarger county and its future impels us to make the suggestion that the most successful business is always the one having the most complete equipment—Poor equipment is an expensive handicap, whether it be worn-out plows, spavined power, or a tumble-down barn or home. That is why we urge you to PUT THE OLD PLACE SHIP-SHAPE for the New Year.

—Making the HOME COMFORTABLE, the Barn weather-proof, or the Fences "hog-tight and bull strong" is an INVESTMENT THAT PAYS wonderfully big dividends in the increased value of your place, no less than in happiness and contentment for yourself and family.

—Let us help you with building suggestions that do not involve any obligation on your part—they're FREE.

Quality ——— Service ——— Satisfaction

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

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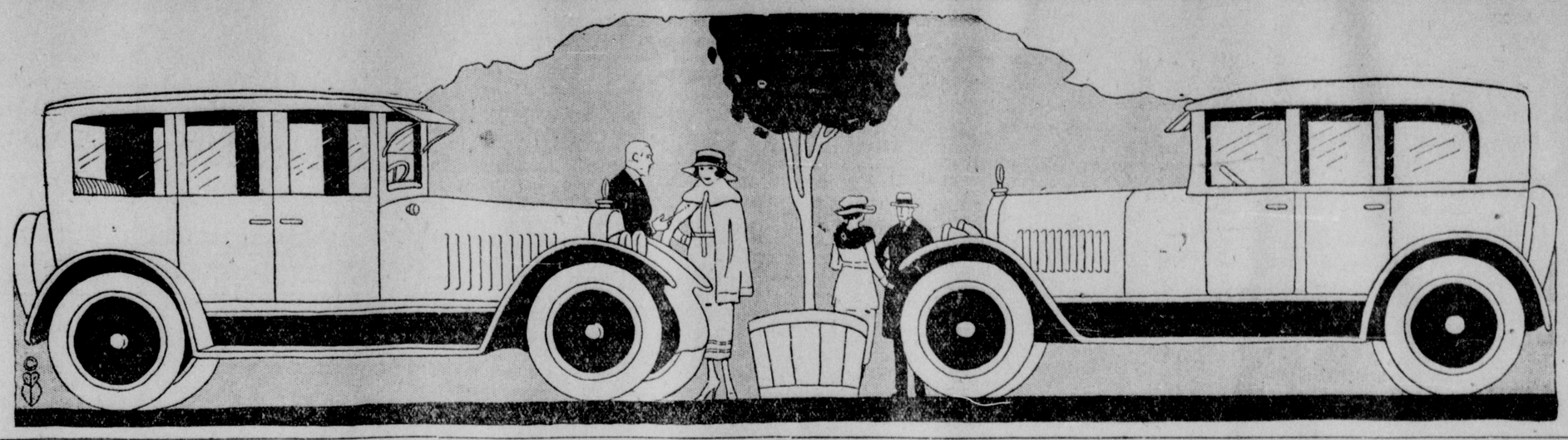


IT TOOK A STOUT HEART TO RUN ONE IN THE OLD DAYS

Owners of Automobiles Forced to Alight and Lead Teams Past Thing of Terror — Ernest Hampton Wins Recognition as First Owner—Approach Could Be Heard For Miles.

In 1906 there was ushered in a new era for Wilbarger county for that year automobiles made their appearance in Vernon. True, once before one had passed swiftly through the town headed west. And once before one had sojourned two weeks in the village and had been examined and passed on by the "leading citizens" as a thing of evil, because it frightened teams. But this one had come to make its home in the community and really belonged to the town. It was a thing to which one might point with pride.

Ernest Hampton was the owner of this "boat" and it was fearfully and wonderfully made. The owner resides in Vernon today and only a few years ago scrapped this car. The machine was an Oldsmobile, one-cylinder, equipped with solid tires, dry cell batteries and kerosene lights and had no doors. The steering device was shaped like a walking stick.

Could Hear A'Coming.

The engine was under the seat. It is needless to remark that it was not equipped with a self-starter. The car also possessed a large and raucous voice that could be heard for several blocks on a windy day. There was a seat for two passengers, but one walked and pushed most of the time. Its elegant lines were still farther enhanced by the full leather top that adorned it and the price, f. o. b. wherever it came from, was $750.

The second car was owned by Guy Waggoner, who outstripped Mr. Hampton by purchasing a car with two cylinders, a Columbia five-passenger. When Mr. Waggoner bought this car, he bought trouble with it. He owned a farm, north of Pease river, and as no bridge spanned it at the lower crossing at that time, the owner handed over many a five dollar bill to some man with a mule team to pull him across the deep sand.

Hold That Horse's Head!

When the cranky object reached the hill above the river and headed toward the ranch, it was sure to meet some man with a team that had never been introduced to this fiery demon, and forthwith would ensue a battle between the scared team and the man. Thereupon Mr. Waggoner would alight and obligingly lead the animals past the thing of terror, the owner of the team meanwhile threatening him with the law. Mr. Waggoner would then crank the car and resume his journey, to be halted possibly several times during the short trip. Some of the drivers of these frisky steeds were not courageous to hold their ground, and old Kit and Beck, with both hands, would tie up the team when they espied Mr. Waggoner in the distance, and would seek safety by rolling under a fence until he went tearing by.

'TWAS ENOUGH TO MAKE A PREACHER SAY THINGS UNDER HIS BREATH

Although automobiles have come to stay and the public is awake to their convenience, at one time, not many years ago, they were looked upon with a scorn and suspicion. Ministers assailed them from the pulpit, citizens tried to have laws made to keep them off the highways, in fact, they were thought to be nuisances, devices of Satan, snares for the ungodly and toys of the idle rich.

At a certain church in this county where meetings were held under a brush arbor, about the time the preacher would get in a fair way of explaining the scriptures, far down the road he would see the carbide lights twinkling right merrily as one of his congregation a little more abreast of the times than the others would come into sight.

Horses "Rared Up."

Men would forget the sermon and dash wildly out to hold their horses not because the elephants were coming, but because greater menace was upon them. The owners would swing onto the bridles of the "broom tails" until they quieted down, and then would trail slowly back to hear the minister. The parson sometimes heatedly denounced automobiles vehemently. Of course, when the meeting was over, the congregation waited until the car and owner went chugging out of sight.

Once a year a picnic, known as the May picnic, is held near Doans. For some time those who had the picnic in charge thought it would be advisable to ask owners of automobiles to refrain from attending the picnic or else come in a sane manner as their fathers had done. A compromise was finally reached with the owners of the cars by asking them to leave early, before the crowd started home.

Had To Leave Cars.

As the picnic is held in a grove behind a hill and the cars could not have climbed back up the steep incline, they parked at the top. It was several years before a chauffeur had the courage to take a car down into the picnic grounds. At last this was done and bets were freely exchanged as to whether he would return to the top of the hill under his own power or by mule strength.

Was Runaway Buggy.

The first car that attempted to cross Red river at the Doans crossing went through there, according to the inhabitants, about 1906 or possibly 1907. One resident, who lives there now and drives her own car, relates her experience on seeing this automobile pass.

There was an awful roar far down the road that runs by her home, and she ran out, expecting a runaway team. What was her horror to discover what looked to be a buggy running away without any horse attached to the vehicle. She ran screaming into the house, gathering up her children as she ran.

Was Terrifying Sight.

An old woman who was spending the day, was her only help at this time. She ran to her and screamed "Grandma, come quick and see this awful sight, here is a buggy running away with itself."

The grandmother hobbled to the door and peered out. "La, child!" she exclaimed as she peered down the road. "that's a horseless carriage, an automobile. I saw one in Gainesville when I visited my daughter last summer."

The little red car drew up with a grand flourish in front of the town store, and an admiring audience was already assembled to greet it. The occupants were a man and woman, on their way from Sweetwater to Altus, Okla. The strangest part of the incident then occurred. The wonder car crossed Red river under its own power!

AUTO THIEVES REAP HARVEST

Statistics Show That 70,000 Cars Have Been Stolen This Year

By EDWARD THIERRY

New York, Dec. 30.—Automobile thieves are reaping the biggest harvest in history. Best estimates show cars stolen this year will number 70,000; their total value being $70,000,000.

Insurance companies say depression impelled many to abandon high-priced cars and collect insurance for their "theft."

Carelessness of automopile owners is another big factor. Tests revealed that most owners do not lock their cars.

Detectives made a test in New York streets. They counted 84 cars which were equipped with locks, 66 of which were not locked.

"It is no wonder that insurance companies are tightening up the restrictions on automobile insurance," said W. P. Young, secretary of the national automobile underwriters conference. Fifteen per cent off is given if the car is equipped with a lock. What good is the best car in the world if it isn't locked?"

A tremendous increase in automobile thefts is shown by figures for New York City, and for nine eastern and New England states.

Thefts have more than doubled in 1921 over 1920. Fewer stolen cars are recovered.

Thirty thousand automobiles were stolen in 28 large cities during 1920; Chicago leading with 5,500 and New York next with 5,200. This total has greatly increased during 1921.

Water or loose dirt in the carburetor through unstrained gasoline will cause trouble, in which case flush the carburetor and let out the dirt and water through the petcock in the base.

OLD STUDEBAKER GOES 250,000 MILES DURING LIFETIME

Car Owned by Dr. R. W. Hix Brought From Fort Worth in 1909—Driven For Ten Years and Was Still Hitting on Four —Made Into Runabout—Final Resting Place at Odell.

For age and reliability the palm must be yielded to the famous old car belonging to R. W. Hix of Vernon. This Studebaker was bought in Fort Worth November 1, 1909. Dr. Hix went to Fort Worth to purchase this machine, and he and Earl Vernon, a former resident of this city and a brother of A. N. Vernon, drove it home. They made the trip in one day and found the roads sand beds and gullies nearly all the way.

Dr. Hix says good time was made near Decatur when they hit it up quite lively, going sometimes as fast as forty-five miles an hour, which he asserts was a trifle too fast for him.

Car Cost $1,300.

The car, when first rolled out of the factory was blue black in color, four passenger and four cylinder. Without top, speedometer and windshield, the automobile cost $1,300. With the other little adjuncts mentioned it reached $1,500.

The cushions were "thrown in" and were or real "sure enough" leather. They are in splendid condition today. Dr. Hix has cushioned one of the chairs in his office with one and uses it at the present.

Car's Appearance Altered.

After the car lost its newness the back seats were removed and it was turned into a runabout, a more convenient conveyance for the work in which its owner was engaged. Dr. Hix drove this car for ten years and one month, and estimates that he traveled 250,000 miles in this faithful old machine. At the end of that time it was still "hitting on all four."

Dr. Hix gave this car to his daughter, Mrs. Ellen Tombs of Odell, but it stood idle one year, in the physician's back yard, out in all kinds of weather.

Resting Place At Odell.

At the end of that time George Hix pressed it into service and after running it for some time, broke the crank case. He traded it to Mr. Gable of Odell where it reposes in peace behind a garage at that place.

Dr. Hix is one of the first settlers in this county and has practiced medicine many years here. He has worn out many horses as well as this old car, but says he became as much attached to the old Studebaker as though it had been really flesh and blood instead of a thing of metal, wood, and leather.

WENT UP CONDON HILL ON HIGH—UNHEARD OF FEAT

Roads were as bad in the early days as they are now, and streets were even worse. Many people hesitated before buying cars long after they were convinced that they really wanted one because of this condition.

It was reported at one time that the first car that ever took Condon hill, near Hill Crest, on high was a Ford. However, that was considered quite a feat.

Roads Discourage Owners.

In the Odell country, the sandy roads were so bad that several citizens in that vicinity decided they couldn't get out of their own community if they purchased cars. At last Dr. A. C. Daniel summoned up courage and appeared in a Reo one-cylinder.

Soon after, Clum Bell and B. D. Smith in a Ford and an R. C. H. began to buy gasoline and have tire troubles also. Others purchasing automobiles soon after were: W. T. Collins, Chas. Kester, J. M. White and J. P. Hamilton. Today nearly every family in that community rides in a car. Automobiles have made the roads in Wilbarger county.

Pulled It On High

Along about 1913, sand was so deep on West Paradise street that a banker who lived on that street said he would not hesitate to buy a car, if he could ever find the make that could pull the sand on high gear by his residence.

Some enterprising salesman, while others tried and failed, made the grade and the banker kept his word.

MOTOR APPARATUS ARRIVES IN 1912

PRIOR TO THEN FIRE DEPARTMENT DEPENDED UPON MAN POWER

The first motor driven fire fighting apparatus in Vernon was purchased and delivered in August, 1912. This was an American La France, 70 horse power car and was called a combination chemical and hose motor.

Until that time the company did not even use horse power for its work but depended upon man power to pull its equipment, or to hitch to the vehicle of some friend.

New Additions Last Year.

In 1920 another chemical engine, a Dodge, thirty horse power, was purchased. Later there was installed another American La France, combination hose and pump motor, with a capacity of 750 gallons per minute.

SHOULD PRESERVE GRAVITY.

J. W. Leak Says Batteries Will Otherwise Freeze In Extremely Cold Weather.

When the gravity of a battery is permitted to run down in the neighborhood of 11.50 in extremely cold weather, this part of a car's equipment will freeze. This sentiment was voiced by J. W. Leak who operates a battery service station on East Wilbarger street. When this condition occurs, Mr. Leak remarked, the car should either be driven more or the battery should be taken to some station and recharged.

The local service station proprietor branded the cause of most battery trouble as "overwork and underfeeding. "When the generator is putting out too low an amperage," he remarked, "the electrical system of the car will go wrong."

Good care of the car and regular watering of batteries were denoted by Mr. Leak as the principal activities an owner can do to keep his car in good running order. Periodical visits to service stations, he said, will avoid trouble which will grow into serious proportions if neglected.

DODGE AGENCY SELLS 114 AUTOMOBILES

M'FALL BROTHERS ENJOY FINE BUSINESS SINCE OPENING HERE.

The McFall Brothers like the Dodge Brothers have been engaged in the sale of this car since the first model was put on the market. In 1914, the franchise was taken by the McFalls before the specifications of the Dodge car had been given out to the public.

They bought $250,000 worth with the only knowledge that the Dodge Brothers were going to build this automobile. At that time, the Dodge people were noted for their reliability as to building cars and parts; having been associated with Henry Ford in his factory and also stockholders in the company until they went into business for themselves.

Sold 114 Since Opening.

July 1, 1919, Ernest Hampton, a long time resident of this city opened up for business and since the establishment of this agency by him $146,627.30 gross amount of business has been done by the company here.

Since opening, 78 new cars have been sold and the sales record of used cars has been 36. One of the first cars sold and purchased by G. L. Ham is now owned and operated by J. E. Lockett of Vernon. N. R. Heath also owns one of the earlier make of this machine.

Firse Car Down Death Valley.

This car noted for its endurance and "staying qualities" was the first automobile to go down into Death Valley and emerge again under its own power. At that time the model was not so handsome as now. Their new Sedan is as beautiful as it is dependable. Upholstered in a subdued gray with wide comfortable cushions, a foot warmer near the rear seat with heat supplied from the engine, anti rattler doors and windows, mahogony finished wood work, electrically lighted, front cushions undivided holds one secure from "northers" sand storms and rain.

The mechanical details are being worked out each year to make this type of car more efficient and durable. Experts work at this as chemists toil in laboratories to invent new ways to combat diseases.

J. M. McFall and J. A. McFall have associated with them here beside Ernest Hampton, their first agent; H. M. Lisman, R. T. McKee and Walter Lignau. The company is comfortably located at their sales rooms at 330 North Main where models of the Dodge are displayed.

THINKS AUTOMOBILE DESERVES PLACE IN HALL OF FAME

T. J. Youngblood Says Mechanism Was as Intricate as Swiss Watch—Trip to Colorado Results in Wealth of Troubles—Forced to Send Ballast Back—Car Finally Blows Up.

T. J. Youngblood, who owned a Carter car for his first automobile, claims that in a way his car was nearly as famous as Dr. Hix's old Studebaker. This car had a friction drive, and because of its wonderful makeup was as complicated as a Swiss watch.

Once Mr. Youngblood loaded in six passangers and a thousand pounds of baggage and started this grand machine to cool Colorado. All went merry as a marriage bell until he reached the first sand when he realized he had better throw out a little ballast. Accordingly on reaching Quanah, he shipped his shot gun back to Vernon.

At every station more of his equipment went home. On reaching Amarillo, he was horrified to discover that he had in some manner broken a set screw in some part of the "thing's" anatomy.

Puzzled By Situation.

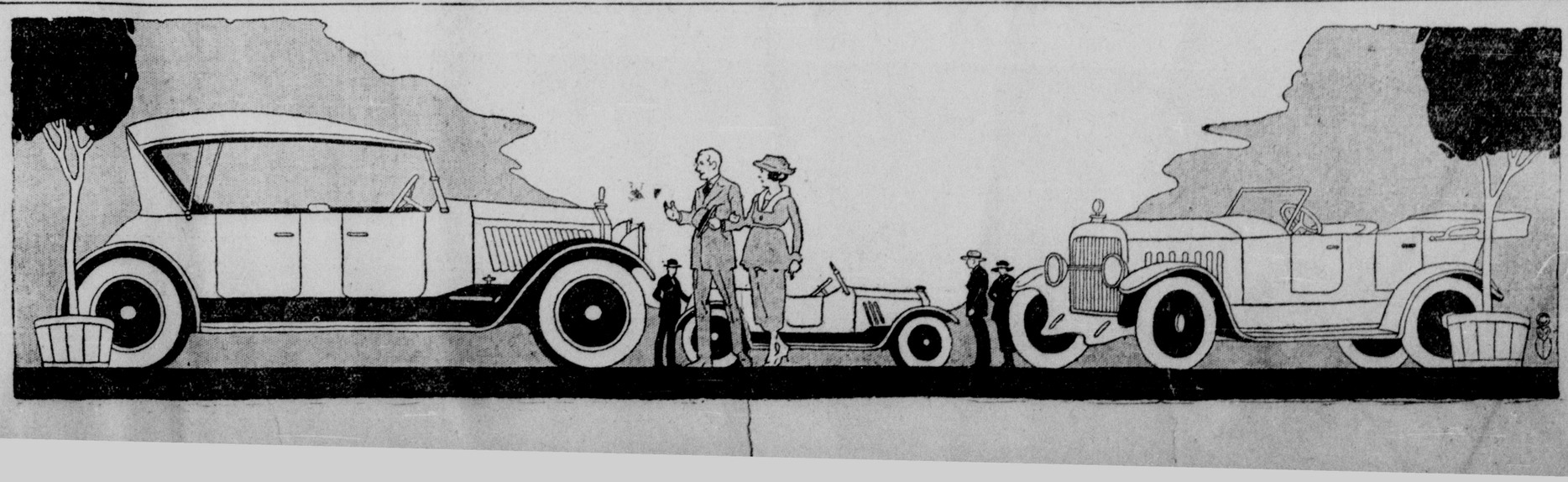
He was in a quandry what to do. So he decided to have the screw taken out and replaced. This delayed him fifteen hours and cost him about fifty dollars.

The owner believed that if the screw was not replaced that the car would blow up. He found out afterwards that the screw, like an appendix had nothing to do with the running gears.

"Send More Fibre."

The party proceeded on its way without a single blow out to Colorado or back to Vernon, but had every other kind of trouble that flesh is heir to. On account of the friction drive, it became necessary at frequent intervals to have the fibre replaced, and while away from home the owner's friends declared every telegram from him read "Send more fibre."

Mr. Youngblood says repairs were $1,500, and after making a delivery car of the machine, it blew up and refused, haughtily to serve in that capacity. He afterwards sold the old brass on it for $25?



FORTY FARMERS OWN FORDSON TRACTORS

NAPIER BROTHERS SELL FIVE HUNDRED FORDS IN WILBARGER COUNTY.

Napier Brothers located on North Main street an authorized Ford agency, took over the business known as the T. H. Shive Motor Company, July 1918. Since that time with factory closed down during the war, prohibitive freight rates, slow shipments and low price of cotton; this company has sold over 500 cars and 40 Fordson tractors.

Fordson tractors. In 1921, they sold 150 cars and sixteen tractors. Receipts for accessories alone for Ford cars average $25,000.00 yearly.

The Napier Brothers occupy a building 90 by 110 and is used exclusively for their shop work, sales rooms and office. No cars are stored and no other acessories are sold only for tractors and Ford cars. Over $15,000 worth of acessories are in stock here at all times. No tedious delays are experienced by the owners of Fords or Ford cars are cheaper by $5.00 than ever in the history of the Ford age. A plain touring car is $355.00 f. o. b. Detroit. The lowest price was $360.00. Now step in the freight rates and war tax and the man who owns a Ford pays for this make of car $441.78. The touring car with starter is priced at $514.63 delivered in Vernon.

The repair shop it is stated is the best arranged and most commodious business of that kind in West Texas. They repair Fords and Fordsons exclusively. Innes McCrary, a Vernon product is head foreman and other mechanics are Walter Bildstein, Morgan Lindley, A. H. Haley, and Clayton Messick.

The Napier Brothers are three in number; J. Myatt Napier is the business manager and has charge of the office. Joe A. Napier has general supervision over the shops and Sam M. Napier has charge of the accessory department.

Posted Notice.

This is to notify the public that my place three miles northeast of Vernon is posted according to law and all persons hunting or trespassing on same will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

23-Stp ED S. SMITH.

FIXIT SHOP CAN FIX IT.

D. Estes Commenced In Modest Way But Business Grew By Leaps And Bounds.

D's Fixit Shop was established by D. Estes in 1915 and is located on east Wilbarger street. The first years of the life of this shop were devoted to general mending, and the sale of bicycle tires. Later Mr. Estes turned his attention to the automobile accessory line, and has entered other branches, also.

During the World War, the owner virtually shut up shop and joined the colors. For eighteen months he served at Austin, in the mechanical personnel department of the Aviation Corps. At the end of the war, he returned and took up his work again.

Mr. Estes handles Firestone, Santa Fe, Edison and Oldfield tires, automobile accessories, general lathe and radiator work, does acetylene welding, and makes and fits keys of all descriptions. As the name of the firm implys, he does a general line of repair work.

KNOWLEDGE FOR CAR OWNERS.

The old-fashioned way of draining the water system at night and filling in the morning with hot water is good. A more advanced method of getting heat to the engine is by using a radiator heater. Do not forget the garage heater and the anti-freeze.

The radiator hose connections in the water system of the engine should be frequently inspected. Ofttimes these hose connections look fair on the outside, but they are bad on the inside. When the walls of the hose become decayed they have a tendency to swell and close, thereby preventing proper circulation.

The radiator hose connection can be made secure against leakage throughout the life of the car, by the use of a section of inner tube instead of the regular joint. Double the tube back upon itself for the length of the connection and secure it by the special clamps. This will withstand all vibration.

When you are looking over the tires on your car don't forget the spare you are carrying behind. Unless it is covered to protect it from light, water, oil and heat, it will rapidly deteriorate. These four enemies of rubber will take the life out of any rubber product in a short time. It is important to make sure that the spare tire is fastened tightly to the carrier. If there is any play in the fastenings there will be constant rubbing against the casing and consequently injury to it.

Unless the piping is tight there is danger of excessive vibration which will strain the connections of the intake pipe and cause them to leak, making the engine miss, hesitate and possibly backfire, or at least run irregularly on low speeds.

In making any adjustment, it is important that the party making the adjustment shall positively know what effect will follow the turning of an adjustment screw in either direction, and also how much effect is to be expected from one or more turns of the screw.

Dry cells should be wired together from the zinc of one cell to the carbon of the next in the series.

ROBINSON SALES FOR YEAR GRATIFYING

NATIONAL BUICK FIRM, TOO, HAS GREATEST VOLUME FOR YEARS

The Robinson Motor Company, on the corner of Cumberland and Wilbarger streets, has been in business in Vernon four years. The concern is agent for the Buick automobile and has disposed of fifteen cars in twelve months. These cars average in price eighteen hundred dollars, so that twenty-seven thousand dollars have swelled the Robinson coffers from this source alone in the last year.

In recognition of the fact that Buick transacted the greatest volume of business during the past year, the concern was awarded first place at the National automobile shows. The figures on which the award were based comprised only the six cylinder cars. This goes to prove, Mr. Robinson states; that Buick is the largest builder of six cylinder automobiles in the world.

Leads In Innovation.

The Buick is acknowledged to be the first car to use the valve-in-head motor. The new six cylinder is considered as fine a piece of mechanism as any competitor in this class. Buick is also turning out a very creditable four cylinder car that is much admired by automobile fans.

The repair department of the Robinson Motor Company is presided over by W. R. Edwards and D. Davis. The concern handles Kelly-Springfield and Firestone tires, and the Texas gasoline and oil.

HARDY VERNON ADVENTURERS OUTRIVAL EARLY PIONEERS

In 1911 R. L. (Bob) More and C. R. (Dick) Staley, in a Hup 32, set sail for the golden west. At that time the adventure seemed to the inhabitants of this country to be a very hazardous and long one. True, such things had been done but up to that time no one had started out from Vernon on a trip of exploration as these two venturesome souls were about to do.

Lewis and Clarke explorations seemed very tame in comparison. Those pioneers had journeyed leisurely along by ox team and afoot, while these two men were about to risk their lives in an automobile. Several shook their heads and gravely prophesied the local men might never return unless in pieces.

Through Trackless Desert.

Mr. More and Mr. Staley went by the way of El Paso, New Mexico, and Yuma, Arizona. They reached San Diego after a hard trip of eleven days, a distance of 1,759 miles. Part of their way was through trackless deserts, and they traveled for miles without seeing any sign of inhabitants.

Once in eastern New Mexico the travelers started to cross a dry arroya when in the distance they heard a roaring. They knew that this ravine had its source in the mountains, and deemed it might be a head rise from a water spout. The men thought it the better plan to wait and watch developments.

Marooned By Flood.

In a few moments the flood arrived and in a short time became a raging torrent, fifty or sixty feet deep. The Vernon adventurers were forced to camp far back on the hills for two days before the flood subsided. As they were 150 miles from a railroad they were glad they "awaited developments." Their lives might have been spared but the car would have been lost.

At one place the travelers paid 50 cents per gallon for gasoline. It was 9 cents in Vernon at that time.

The travelers returned to Vernon in due time full of their adventure, but determined to permit other stout hearts to blaze trails in the future.

NEW CONCERN SPECIALIZES IN BATTERY TROUBLES

A new concern, the Quality Tire & Battery Service Company, with J. L. Shows of Electra as manager, is located at 201 South Main street. Mr. Shows was formerly with the Texas Company at Electra, but came here three months ago to engage in business for himself.

This concern handles the Hawkeye 6,000 and 8,000 mile tires, rebuilds batteries and tires and ferrets out any ignition trouble. Mr. Shows sells Exide batteries.

In certain cars it is necessary to remove the floor boards in order to lubricate the clutch throw-out collar. As a consequence many car owners neglect this important item of lubrication until trouble in the unit makes it necessary. In cases of this kind where no provision has been made for lubrication by having a grease cup that extends up through the floor boards, it is wise to install an oil line to feed this part. This can be done by arranging a large oil cup to feed through a small opening into a metal pipe running to the throw-out collar.

FIRST POWER HEARSE ON VERNON STREETS IN 1917

In February, 1917, the first motor driven hearse appeared on the streets of this city. This was and is the property of T. J. Youngblood, for it is still in service today. J. M. Underwood undertaker, recently added an ambulance to his business, and the firm has ceased to use horse drawn vehicles in its work.

Formerly a funeral some miles in the country required a whole day to be brought to a conclusion.

"TIGHTEN THOSE LOOSE WHEELS"

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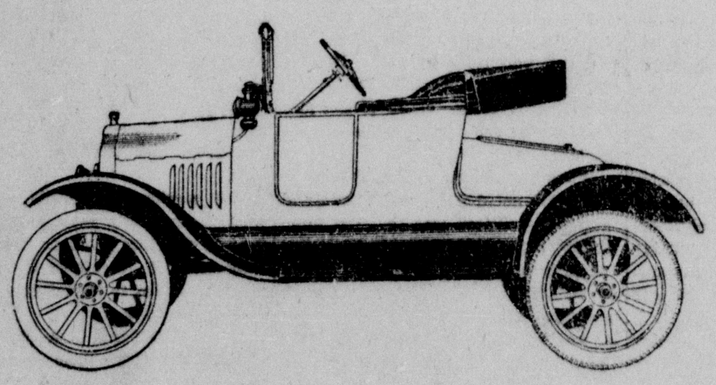

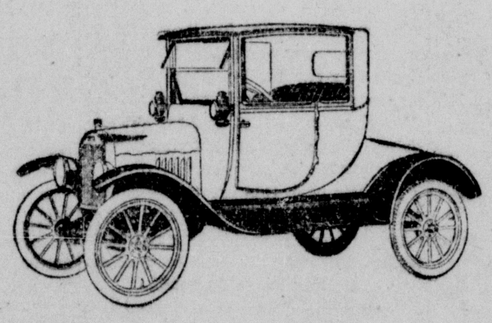

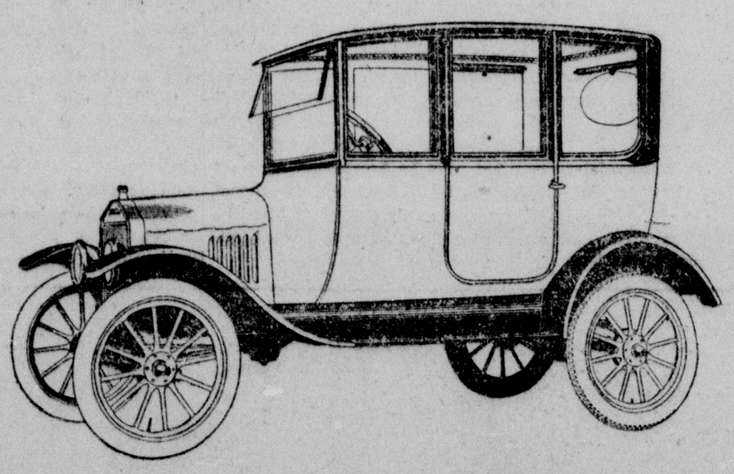

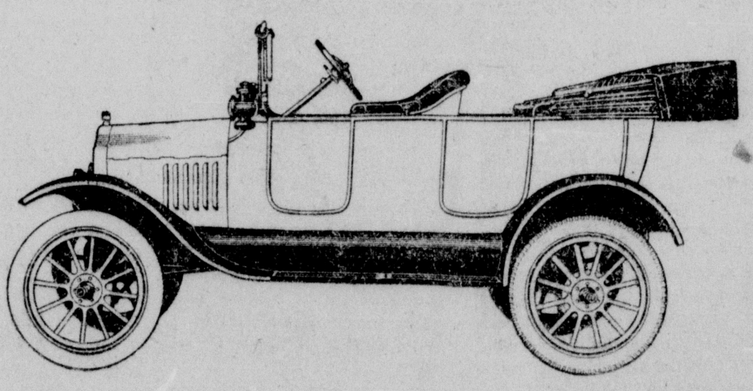

We wish all our friends a happy and prosperous New Year

NAPIER BROS. MOTOR CO.

R. L. MORE GIVEN FIRST NUMBER ON COUNTY RECORDS

Little Two-Cylinder Maxwell Wins Premier Honor In Wilbarger—One by One Owners Desert Steeds for Automobiles —Prevalence Now Makes Old-Timer Look Under Bed.

October 19, 1908, registration of cars was started in Wilbarger county. Several pioneers, who had owned cars for two years, did not register until far down the line.

On the records transfers of many cars failed to manifest themselves, as the new owners did not come and have them recorded.

Number 1 to R. L. More

R. L. More secured number 1, a designation that was nearly as highly prized as the first poll tax issued to a woman in this county. His car was a little two-cylinder Maxwell, red in color, and a runabout. Pitts and Hampton obtained number 2 with a two-cylinder Jackson. Number 3 was given to J. D. Summerour and afterwards owned by Dr. Howard, who said that if the thing got in an inch and one-half of sand, "it wouldn't pull the hat off your head."

Dodson and Dodson abandoned their fine horses and buggies in which they had made so many hurry calls all over the county to accept number 4. Drs. Hix and Garland came out with number 5, a Maxwell run-about, in which to visit their patients, and Dr. H. H. Rhoads took out number 16, another Maxwell.

Dr. J. C. King, of Harrold, not to be outdone by the city physicians, purchased a Maxwell also, and with number 11 displayed on the rear of his car, started out across the wide prairies.

Trade Store For Car.

R. A. Kelly registered number 6, a Jackson; J. F. Holt, number 7, a Maxwell; T. M. Holt, number 8, a Pope Toledo, 40 horse power; T. L. Pierce, number 9, a red Wayne 30; number 10 went to C. R. Staley, a pioneer among automobile owners. It was a fifty-horsepower Thomas Flyer, for which Mr. Staley says he traded a general merchandise store. Dr. R. W. Hix, on his well-known Studebaker E. M. F. showed the number 14.

C. S. McCulloch showed his fortitude and bravery in those perilous times by placing on his new Fuller, with green body and red running gear, truly a bright spot on the landscape, the number 13, supposed to bring misfortune and doubly so when adorning an automobile.

The Fletcher sisters were the first women in the county to own a machine, number 18, a high wheeled Fuller. Since that time they have never been without an automobile. In later years their favorite make has been the Hupmobile.

T. J. Youngblood, A. C. Boger and J. H. Kincheloe, in the early days tried to plow the sands of the county in Carter Cars.

Other Early Owners

Some other early motorists and their cars were E. M. Leutwyler, Overland; Daniel Bond, Hudson two passenger; John Brownlee, Harrold, Buick; John Coffee, Maxwell; E. H. Pigg, Overland; Ed Nycum, Maxwell; H. E. Key, E. M. F.

What about Fords? One of the first of the now famous make was owned by Bill Day, a citizen of Vernon. It appeared upon the streets of the city about 1907. The first recorded car of this make was number 22, bought by J. G. Ayers May 16, 1910. It was a five-passenger touring car, body and running gear green, 20 horse power, and the name was spelled Foard. The supposition is that the deputy clerk thought strange looking horseless carriage hailed from Foard county. The names of fliver, tin Lizzie, jitney and others had not become the great national jokes translated into all languages under the sun.

Can't Shake a Stick at 'Em

Steadily from October 19, 1908, when R. L. More placed Number 1 on his little red, two-cylinder Maxwell, the registration numbers have mounted upward. Last year the number of cars registered in this county was 1,789. To date, in 1921, the figures stand at 2,165. No wonder, says the old-timer, the pedestrian complains he must look under the bed each morning before emerging for fear one of the pesky things should be in the room and catch him unawares.

SIX YEARS BEFORE CAR NUMBERS REACHED 100

It was six years before the number of cars in Wilbarger reached the 100 mark after the arrival of Ernest Hampton's Oldsmobile. November 20, 1912, W. O. Anderson attached the number to his new Ford.

After that cars in the next three years increased five fold. The number jumped from 500 to 1,000 between Christmas 1915, and the end of the year 1917.

U. S. Davis' Dort was given the number 500 and J. W. Ladd's Hupmobile was the thousandth car. A Ford belonging to G. E. Graf, was the last car registered before the State Highway Commission took over the work of registration. It bore the number 1921 and was registered June 16, 1917.

This year the number had reached on November 1, 2,165.

CAN FIX UP YOUR OLD, OR SELL YOU SOME NEW

The Auto Tire and Batery Company successors to the Para Vulcanizing Company and located on South Main street, has been established in this city six years. The proprietor, H. F. Ragland, handles India tires and tubes, Gould batteries and sells Beaver-Electra oil and gasoline.

Batteries are rebuilt and vulcanizing work done by the firm. Mr. Ragland also carries a complete line of automobile accessories. He is assisted in his work by Woody Huffman.

WORKS COMPANY 5 YEARS OLD.

Firm Was Established On Square In 1916 But Is Now On North Main Street.

In May, 1916 A. M. Works established on the square the Works Auto Supply Company, remaining at that location two years and then removing to his present place of business on North Main street, one door north of The Vernon Record office. The business was incorporated last July for $40,000 and A. M. Works is president, T. G. Curry vice-president, and Miss Bennie Works secretary and treasurer.

Paige and Maxwell cars and Maxwell trucks are sold by the firm. Mr. Works is of the opinion that the new series Maxwell now out is perhaps the most remarkable piece of mechanism offered the American public in the form of an automobile. The firm devotes a large share of attention to its accessory trade, and claims to carry the most complete stock of accessories west of Fort Worth.

R. F. Taylor, salesman, is also a stockholder in the company. Ed Krebs, who has been with the firm four years, is a mechanic of high ability, and John Browning is another expert wielder of tools.

WHITE GARAGE ONE OF FINEST

New Establishment Fills 'Em Up At Rate of 10,000 Gallons Per Month

The White Garage, with S. H. Baker as manager, on the corner of Main and Wilbarger, is one of the handsome new buildings of Vernon. The former building on this site by the same name was destroyed by fire one year ago, and was replaced at once by W. R. Piper of Dallas.

The structure is of red brick with a frontage of 60 by 110 feet, and is situated on the Colorado-to-Gulf Highway. Racine and Diamond Tires are sold here, and the company handles Pierce Corporation oils and gasoline. L. B. Waldon is official car washer, R. W. Ferrell has charge of the tire department and Tom Hardison and Ed Mason make up the sales force.

Sales of gasoline and oils at this station are estimated at ten thousand gallons per month.

OLD FIRM—NEW NAME.

Proprietors Hearken To Trend Of Times And Cater To Needs Of Autoists.

The Motor Supply Company, an old firm in new attire, made its debut at a new stand on West Wilbarger street in March of this year. Wylie Bennett and Homer Rogers, owners, have engaged in business for several years in this city.

The proprietors are closing out their lumber yard situated at the rear of their new building as rapidly as possible, and intend devoting themselves exclusively to this new line of business. Their handsome building is of brick and its dimensions are 32 by 60 feet. It is situated directly on the Colorado-to-Gulf Highway.

The Motor Supply Company handles Water-White Gasoline, Goodrich and Gates Tires, Gulf and Mobileoils. A repair department is maintained.

KNOWLEDGE FOR CAR OWNERS

The appearance of a car can be very much improved by first carefully washing the surface with warm water containing a little ammonia and then give it a coat of thin varnish.

During severe cold weather a part of the cooling area of the radiator should be covered. This will keep the engine warmer and add to its efficiency. One must experiment as to the area to be covered. Usually about one-quarter or one-third is sufficient.

In making repairs on the inside of a cellular radiator with the ordinary type of soldering iron, an inexpert workman such as the ordinary car owner is likely to be is very likely to start more joints leaking, so that the radiator is worse after he gets through than it was in the first place. This is a job for an expert.

It is a good plan to start the engine when filling the radiator of a car with the pump system. In some cases there are places which fill with air which can be dislodged only by running the engine. The system may seem full but after the engine has started the level will be found too low. Running the engine while filling will do away with this.

Look Over Them All

—and then you will come back to us and buy the famous, dependable tires we sell, the tires that have been carrying millions in safety and comfort year after year with never a sign of dissatisfaction. We stand back of them because we know they are absolutely reliable and uniform in quality and service.

Auto Tire & Battery Co.

THE WHITE GARAGE

(VERNON'S MOST MODERN)

Extends Greetings for the New Year

Gasoline, Oil, Tires and Accessories

DAY AND NIGHT SERVICE

Plenty of Room for Storage

Let Us Wash Your Car

S. H. Baker, Manager

"ON THE HIGHWAY"

New Year's Greetings

APPRECIATING our pleasant business relations during the past we wish you the Compliments of the season and trust that the coming New Year will bring the best you have ever known in Happiness and prosperity.

Service Our Specialty

During 1922, as heretofore, we will GIVE YOU SERVICE. For Better Gas and Better Oil TRY US. Oil is cheaper than gears—so let us OIL YOUR CAR.

Motor Supply Company

Bennett & Rogers

"The Place You Will Eventually Trade"

"A NEW YEAR'S GREETING"

The Christmas Spirit that envelops our people at this glad Season of the year prompts us to greet our friends and customers with a wish for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

WORKS AUTO COMPANY, INC.

DODGE RUGGEDNESS WINS MANY FRIENDS

J. A. McFALL SAYS CARS HAVE WITHSTOOD THE MOST SEVERE TESTS

The fact that the majority of automobile owners regard the quality of endurance as the most important factor in the choice of a car is not surprising to J. A. McFall, local Dodge Brothers dealer. He commented on the survey just completed by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, which shows that endurance ranks first among 20,000 car owners to whom the questionnaire was sent, with comfort second and price third.

In the middle price group, which takes in the range from $599 to $3,000, 18 per cent of the total agree on endurance as the first essetial, 11 per cent mention comfort first, and 10 per cent admit that they give first thought to the purchase price. Following is the complete list of preferences as disclosed by the survey:

Middle Priced Cars.

1. Endurance 18 per cent.
2. Comfort 11 per cent.
3. Price 10 per cent.
4. Appearance 9 per cent.
5. Economy 8 per cent
6. Service 8 per cent.
7. Flexibility 7 per cent.
8. Hill climbing 6 per cent.
9. Endorsement 6 per cent.
10. Specifications 6 per cent.
11. Speed 5 1-2 per cent.
12. Appointments 5 1-2 per cent.

"In a man or a motor car," said the dealer, "it is this endurance, or ability to deliver the goods consistently, that wins out every time. The owner whose car sticks by him like a faithful friend is almost sure to reward it with his lasting affection and loyalty. More than anything else, probably, it is this ruggedness which has already made Dodge Brothers motor car the choice of over 600,000 people. In the world war, 20,000 of them stood up gamely under the cruelest tests and today in the oil fields thousands more are giving faithful service under conditions that are fully as bad.

"But it is not alone in the quality of endurance that Dodge Brothers car excels. Important refinements added during the last few years have made for increased comfort, and you will notice that comfort stands second on the N. A. C. C. list. As for the purchase price, Dodge Brothers proved by comparative charts that their price was fair even before the reduction. Nobody can deny that it is an exceptional value now.

Attention To Details.

"Particular attention has been given by Dodge Brothers to every feature which will enhance the refined and substantial appearance of the car. To give only one illustration, the improved Sedan, with its disc wheels, cord tires, and the latest custom windows, brings credit to the taste and judgment of every owner. On the score of economy and service, which 8 per cent of owners demand, it is only necessary to cite the Dodge Brothers car's long and consistent reputation for low gasoline consumption, high tire mileage and freedom from the necessity of repairs.

"To continue on down the list. Dodge Brothers car has proved itself flexible enough for every use from traveling across desert sands to attendance at society functions; it has the endorsements of more than 600,000 owners; its specifications show that it has abundant power and speed, which is the eleventh requirement on the list; and its appointments are all that a careful insistence on the best materials can make it.

"In short, we feel that Dodge Brothers car not only comes up to all the requirements of those who give first consideration to endurance, comfort price, but that it will sell itself, on merits, to the majority of the peothe entire twelve classifica-

GENERAL AUTO POPULAR HERE

"Bob" Sells In Neighborhood of 10,000 Gallons Gasoline and Oil Each Month.

R. W. (Bob) Ferrell is owner of a new filling station on East Wilbarger street. The name of the firm is the General Auto Supply Company.

One of the first businesses of this kind in Vernon was started by C. R. (Dick) Staley and operated under the name of the General Auto Supply Company. Later it changed hands and afterwards was purchased by Ferrell and Thompson, who removed to their present new building.

These proprietors handle Texhoma gasoline and oil and estimate their sales to be about 10,000 gallons per month. Roy Thompson is also employed there.

HUSBAND—WIFE PROPRIETORS.

Service Auto Supply Company Establishment Would Be Credit To Much Larger Town.

The Service Auto Supply Company is everything that its name implies. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Allman, managers of the business, are located on West Wilbarger street in the commodious building recently erected by R. L. More.

Mrs. Allman who, previous to her marriage was Miss Grace Manis of this city, early realized the importance of the automobile industry and was quick to take advantage of this line of endeavor. Mr. and Mrs. Allman are ably assisted by T. P. Lisman, Jr., and Gladner Young.

Clayton Thomas has charge of the garage department. In connection with the filling station there are forty fire proof storage vaults for cars.

The Service Auto Supply Company handles Water White Gasoline, Michelin and Lee Puncture Proof tires, and Mobiloil.

AFTER HE TEARS 'EM APART, HE BUILDS 'EM UP AGAIN

George A. Long, owner of the Wrecking House, the last resting place of many a car, is a native of St. Paul, Minnesota. This unique concern was established about six months ago and is doing a thriving business.

Old cars are torn down, the parts sold, cars repaired, Vulcan and United States tires, and Mutol lubricating oil sold. Associated with Mr. Long is Charles Hansard, an ex-aviator of Sherman, Texas. This firm is located on the east side of the square.

ADCO BATTERY CLAIMED TO BE DIFFERENT KIND

The Adco Storage Battery Company, with W. D. Long as owner and manager claims a different kind of storage battery than any other make. It is a dry storage battery instead of the wet variety, and is claimed to revolutionize the whole battery business.

E. D. Long, a son, is helper and the business has been carried on eighteen months at its present location on Cumberland street.

CREATH MOTOR CO. SHOWS GOOD RECORD IN SALES

H. D. Creath Motor Co. was established last June. It is located on North Main street and stock in trade consists of Hupmobiles and Packards. H. D. Creath is sole owner.

The firm carries Hupmobile parts and since its establishment has sold six Hupmobiles and two Packards. J. H. Moseley is salesman, Frank Byrd manager of the inside work, and Ray Billings mechanic.

HE'LL WELD IT SO IT WONT COME APART

The Vernon Radiator and Welding Shop is just exactly what the name implies, says H. W. Mass, manager. The company has been here two year and at present is located on North Cumberland street. Marion Price is employed at this place. An acetylene process in welding is used on any make of car, and the process guaranteed.

WERE AMONG EARLIEST.

J. J. Manis a Dealer In Gasoline And Oil In Vernon For Fourteen Years.

J. J. Manis and Sons, dealers in automobile accessories claim the distinction of being among the first dealers in this line of commodities. Mr. Manis has been handling gasoline and oils for fourteen years in this city.

Six years ago, he took up the sale of accessories. The junior members of the firm are his two sons, R. V. and Connie, who both have virtually grown up in this business. The proprietors sell Gulf gasoline, Hood, Miller and Portage tires, Ford car parts, and do light repair work.

The establishment is situated at the same stand where Mr. Manis first went in business, 235 North Main street.

FARM IMPLEMENT AND AUTO ACCESSORIES MAKE UP STOCK

The Southwestern Implement Company, with J. H. Freudiger in charge, not only carries the well known line of John Deere implements, but sells Fisk tires and parts for Ford cars. It has been doing business at the present location on Cumberland street for two years.

Business is better now than in the early fall, says Mr. Freudiger, and he expects matters to brighten up perceptibly soon.

CAN MAKE OLD AUTOS LOOK GOOD AS NEW

In connection with the Auto Trimming ompany is the Fred L. Reed Sign and Auto Painting establishment. Mr. Reed has been in business here for three years, two of which were passed on North Main street.

One year ago he moved to his present location on South Main street. He is assisted by Milton Archer.

MAKES OVER OLD TOPS TO LOOK LIKE NEW

V. C. Morris, assisted by his father, V. O. Morris, has been in business over one year and is situated on South Main street. He does all kinds of upholstery work and makes and repairs tops.

Mr. Morris is a native of Vernon. He owns the only business of this kind in his home town.

IF YOUR ENGINE KNOCKS JUST WATCH 'EM FIX IT

Coleman Brothers and Hancock, in a brick building just west of the City Hall on Marshall street, exhibit more than ordinary efficiency in repair work. The proprietors moved into their present place of business in July, and have operated very successfully thus far.

According to Henry Coleman senior member of the firm, work is guaranteed and any deficiencies made good. The building is 30 by 90 feet and well arranged. General auto repair work is done and Pierce Oil Corporation oils sold. E. E. Coleman and Bradford Hancock, two members of the firm, assisted by John Krebs and Bill Goad, do the repair work.

IF IT NEEDS FIXING, JUST GIVE 'EM A CHANCE

The B. & H. Garage is owned and managed by Britton and Henderson, proprietors, and has been established nearly six months. Repair work is specialized in. The concern is located at the corner of Cumberland and Wilbarger streets.

In this same building is the Howe Quick Tire Service Co. Mr. Howe has been engaged in business eighteen months. He also sells the Pierce Oil Corporation gasoline and oils.

KNOWLEDGE FOR CAR OWNERS

The maner in which you park your car has much to do with the wear on the tires.

Spring clamps should be inspected at least once a month to see that all nuts are tight.

When gasoline is left standing for a considerable time, even if it be in the tank, it will lose its ignition efficiency.

After removing old piston rings, if it is found that any are scarred or cut, they should be replaced with new ones.

Leakage in the stuffing box usually can be stopped by tightening the nut around the pump, but persistent leakage calls for repackage.

LADD'S PLACE POPULAR HERE

Established On East Wilbarger Street; One of First of Kind in City.

C. M. Ladd, owner and manager of the popular filling station on East Wilbarger street, known as Ladd's Place, is a pioneer in the garage business, as he was one of the first to embark in this line of endeavor years ago. Mr. Ladd's first venture was made on Cumberland street.

From this place he moved to the White Garage on Wilbarger street and in 1917, realizing the importance of this growing business, constructed his present handsome brick building. The structure has a frontage of 82 1-2 by 90 feet, and is handsomely designed.

Mr. Ladd sells United States tires and Magnolia gas and oils. He sells gasoline, both wholesale and retail, and estimates that he disposes of from 10,000 to 20,000 gallons per month.

Otto Lawson, Joe Compbell and L. D. Adams make up the sales force. Mr. Ladd is also district agent for the Delco-Light system, a profitable line of merchandise. His business is located on the Colorado-to-Gulf Highway.

When washing the car be sure that the sponge is free from grit and dirt.

Our New Year Greetings

May 1922 bring you friends who are true; and Peace and Prosperity in Abundance.

C. M. Ladd

Wholesale Oil and Gas
Automobile Supplies

READ THE CLASSIFIED WANT ADS.

WE WISH to thank our patrons for the business given us in Nineteen-Twenty-One and previous years, and hope to paint and trim your cars for Nineteen-Twenty-Two.

No better time you'll have than NOW to paint and recover your car for Spring. Start early that you may not need to rush out your work.

F. L. REED
Signs and Auto Painting
205 S. Main

V. C. MORRIS
Auto Trimming
Phone 296

We personally superintend all work done in this shop.

To Our Friends and Customers

BEST WISHES for the NEW YEAR

—During 1922 let us have a chance to KEEP YOUR CAR RIGHT—and save you trouble. All work guaranteed.

B. & H. GARAGE
Southwest Corner Square

Auto Accessories

WE SAVE you time and money with our many articles for your autos.

RADIATOR ALCHOHOL
RADIATOR ROBES
AND ACCESSORIES

—THE HOME OF THAT GOOD GULF GAS. OUR SERVICE IS OF THE BEST.

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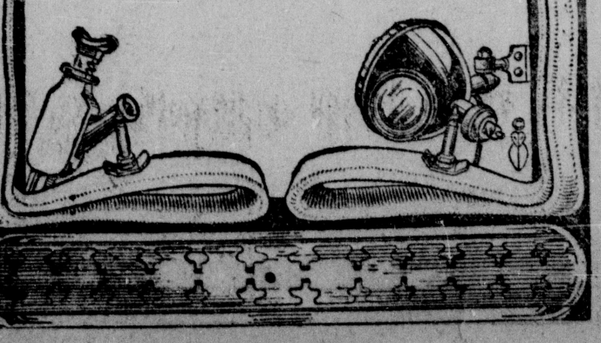

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"Best Wishes for a Prosperous New Year"

SOUTHWESTERN IMPLEMENT CO.

Southeast Corner of Square

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Agricultural-Educational-Historical Section

COUNTY CONCEDED TO BE ONE OF STATE'S FINEST

Wilbarger Farms Excellently Developed and Crops Highly Diversified—Live Stock and Poultry Flourish—Local Farmers Win Premiums At State and County Fairs.

Wilbarger county is considered by experts as one of the best farming localities in Texas. A. D. Jackson, government station expert, has offered considerable complimentary comment on the section, and has indicated that it is as well developed as any he knows.

One of the most salient features of Wilbarger is the fact that its products are widely diversified. Livestock and poultry flourish equally well with staple food products, and each year county farmers appreciate more significantly the opportunities open to them in this respect.

Products Diversified.

There are few specialists along restricted lines in Wilbarger county. More appropriately, everyone is a specialist in respect to every product produced on the modern farm. Cotton may be considered the "money" crop of the section, but fights for popularity along with wheat, corn, feed stuffs; poultry, and livestock. Many farmers there are who defray all current expenses from so called "sidelines," and the end of each harvest season finds them with fat surpluses to provide a "nest egg" or with which to invest profitably in more land.

Cotton acreage was reduced materially in 1921, but the yield surpassed all expectations with 24,000 bales. Wheat, too, produced heavilly and elevators in the vicinity handled more than 800,000 bushels. Approximately $2,000,000 from cotton and half as much from wheat was released in this county to stimulate the channels of trade. F. H. Littleton, R. D. Hurt and J. F. Gregory experienced especially good success with cotton this year.

Much Registered Livestock.

Livestock in Wilbarger is of a high grade, and there are many registered cattle and especially fine horses. These animals have taken premiums consistently wherever they have been shown. A. M. Bourland, Joe Collins, Mark Neal, R. E. Carpenter, and S. W. McLarty are eminent stock raisers in this county.

Alfalfa can be expected to consistently produce four or five cuttings a season, and each acre yields from four to five tons a year. William McCaleb, living about a mile and one-half east of town, raises especially fine alfalfa as well as livestock and feed.

Excellent Fruit Yield.

Fruit, too, can be raised in this highly diversified farming country. Apples, plums, and pears flourish to a certain extent and J. F. White of Wilbarger has been a noted grower of fine apples for many years. J. P. Bennett and D. B. Martin produce excellent peaches and truck products, and J. E. Lutz grows fine plums and pears. J. H. Pettit has met with marked success in producing watermelons and canteloupes.

Peanuts, feed corn, oats, feterita, kafir, grain sorghums, spur feterita, sweet potatoes and berries all flourish in the loamy soil of Wilbarger. R. A. January of near Odell raises especially good spur feterita, and W. A. Walker, J. H. Kincheloe, and Walter Cagle have produced corn yields that might gladden the hearts of any farmer. Frank Lockett was eminently successful with the oat crop he raised the past season.

Bob Castlebury possesses probably the finest flock of sheep in Wilbarger county. This industry is not extensively cultivated in the section, although the country is admirably adapted for it.

County Horses Excel.

Wilbarger horses have captured premier honors at many a county and district fair. A. Allison owns several animals that never fail to place in the running, and Homer Evans also possesses horses of excellent breed and ability. Fred Streit raises exceptionally fine standard bred steeds.

Poultry is fast coming to a more important place in the county's industries. All varieties of fine chickens are raised with excellent success, and breeders from this section who exhibit seldom fail to win honors at the largest fairs in the State. Thousands of dollars worth of eggs, chickens, and turkeys are annually sent out of this county to markets all over the country.

Many Capture Premiums.

S. D. Lawliss, S. P. Clement, and Adam Donges are among those who have met with unqualified success in the poultry industry. There are innumerable others, however, who likewise have made the business profitable and whose exhibits have taken premiums at many fairs.

Dozens of Wilbarger county farmers came to this section with empty pockets, many driven by ill fortune from the homes they formerly occupied. Almost without exception they have accumulated land and wealth. Sturdy muscles, intelligence, combined with persistent industry have won them a fortune in this new land and verily amply rewarded them for the reverses Nature deemed fit to bestow them in order that they might take up a pilgrimage to Wilbarger's productive domain.

THEY ARE CONTENTED IN WILBARGER FIELDS

A sample of the livestock produced in this section. Considerable blooded cattle is raised in Wilbarger county.

IS EVIDENTLY A STATE RECORD

R. D. HURT PRODUCES PRACTICALLY SEVEN BALES ON THREE ACRES

Practically seven 500 pound bales of cotton from three acres. That is the record established this season by R. D. Hurt, living about three miles west of town, and one of the most industrious farmers in the county. Three thousand four hundred and ninety-five pounds of lint, there were only lacking five pounds of making the full seven bales.

Many in this vicinity consider that Mr. Hurt established a State record with this prolific yield. Thus far it surpasses all accounts carried in State papers of what have been considered phenomenal productions.

A Record Yield.

Mr. Hurt's total yield on 140 acres was 122 bales, an exceptional amount. Forty acres, on his own land, netted him 52 bales, and on 100 acres of the W. C. Orr place he obtained 70 bales.

The cotton was planted shortly after the middle of April, and twenty acres were so saturated with water from recent rains that they were not intrusted with seed until the middle of May. Mr. Hurt and his helpers hoed the land twice and plowed it four times. The soil is valley sand land.

Seven bales were hauled to the gins in one day by this industrious farmer. It is hinted that those who were aware of the comparatively small amount of land he owns confidentially informed him that the "Ku Klux'll get you for stealing someone else's cotton." It simply did not seem possible that such a prodigious amount could be obtained from only a mediocre supply of land.

Keeps Place Clean.

Mr. Hurt fears no danger from boll weevil if a thorough cleanup is adhered to. His policy is to keep his place clean throughout the year. Mr. Hurt, who is originally from Honey Grove, is enthusiastic over the opportunity for farmers in this section. He insists that the phenomenal yield on his place this year is attributable, not to his industry and care in cultivation, but because good land, good seed, and a goodly amount of intelligence proved too great a handicap for Old Man Adversity to overcome.

RAISES FORTY-FOUR BALES ON TWENTY-EIGHT ACRES

Ed Schoppa, living fourteen miles southwest of town in the Rayland community, produced forty-four bales of cotton on twenty-eight acres of land this season. Each bale weighed between 550 and 575 pounds.

Mr. Schoppa's cotton land, consisting of sixty-eight acres, made seventy-four bales the past season, and each averaged from 550 to 575 pounds. Mr. Schoppa is one of the most progressive citizens of this community.

OKLAUNION HAS FINE TRADE AREA

PATRONS COME TO COMMUNITY FROM RADIUS OF TEN MILES

Oklaunion, about eight miles east of Vernon, is a progressive community of some 300 population, and possesses several business establishments of more than ordinary calibre. Its trade area extends in a radius of approximately ten miles, and from the northeast patrons come from as great a distance as fifteen miles.

The First Guaranty State Bank of which C. A. Allingham is president, J. W. Rainwater vice-president, and Roscoe Rainwater cashier, is an institution of remarkable strength for a town of this size, and its influence is felt all over the county. Two mercantile stores, one owned by Clay Brite and the Oklaunion Grocery Co. by Harry Stalcup, H. C. Hancock, and Ben Schelnchin, who manages it, would be creditable businesses anywhere.

Good Business Personnel.

The Byars Hardware Co., owned by Lon Byars and R. J. Byars, manager, carries a very complete line of merchandise and enjoys a wide trade territory. Further than these establishments there is the Texas Garage of which H. L. Westerman is owner and manager, the Oklaunion Hotel owned and managed by Mrs. L. B. Moore, a confectionery store owned by M. H. Brite, a barber shop, formerly owned by W. H. Little, and a blacksmith shop operated by H. K. Hammer.

Two gins, one owned by Harris, Irby and Vose and the other by the Vernon Cotton Oil Company, add to the mercantile attractiveness of the town. These gins are to be rejuvenated for the season next year.

Oklaunion, established through a Denver warranty deed to its right-of-way November 22, 1888, now possesses real estate valued at more than $100,000. It has issued $15,000 worth of bonds for a new school building, and takes an immense pride in its facilities for education, which are especially excellent.

Bountiful Wheat Harvest.

Beside the establishments mentioned above there are two elevators belonging to the Kell Mill and the Wichita Mill and Elevator Co., which handled approximately 150,000 bushels of wheat the past year. Mainly from this source and from cotton grown in the vicinity deposits at the local bank have aggregated more than $300,000 this year. Business has been good this fall and there was a bountiful harvest.

There are two churches, the Baptist and Christian. W. M. Read is pastor of the Baptist congregation and lives in the parsonage there, and Elder Cooper is leader of the Christian church.

HENS BRING RICH HEWARD

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hale Davis Depend More on Chickens Than Crops for Profit

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hale Davis, living on Vernon route 2 were richer by $1,000 last year through the efforts of 233 hens and three cows. It is the opinion of this farmer that no industrious man can fail if he has a good combination of chickens, cows, and diversified crops.

Mr. Davis realized $218 after all expenses were paid from his wheat and oats this year, and he has also 400 bushels of grain in his bins. He also grows some cotton, but it is considered merely as a "cash crop."

In the event that no rain is forthcoming shortly, Mr. Davis expects to grow fifteen acres of sweet potatoes on some wheat land. He will also increase his feed and cotton crop, and, to use his own words, "I'll depend more than ever upon my chickens and the cream from my cows for profits."

NAME OF TOLBERT BESTOWED ON TOWN TO HONOR JUDGE

Community First Bears Name of Wheatland Switch But Other Town Found to Have Title First—Is Flourishing Farming Center—Families Come Many Miles to Take Up Abode.

Tolbert, eight miles northwest of Vernon has been in existence several years. At one time it bore the two names of Wheatland switch and Tolbert postoffice.

The Fort Worth & Denver, when it installed a switch at that place, gave it the name of Wheatland because of the immense quantity of wheat loaded there.

Named For Judge.

Later when the citizens of the surrounding country wanted a post office there, the name of Wheatland could not be used because there was another Wheatland in the state. The name Tolbert was bestowed in honor of Judge J. R. Tolbert, county judge at that time.

W. B. Pruitt established the first store near that place and was the first postmaster.

Population Always Same.

Tolbert has never been a place that has boasted many inhabitants but its population has been consistent. At present the little village has two general merchandise stores owned by Tooley & Corley and G. L. Rose. The Tolbert Lumber Company, with E. A. Chaney as manager, an elevator, a blacksmith shop and garage comprises the business activities of the town.

The Methodist church, with Rev. R. V. Tooley and the Baptist church, with Rev. McNair in charge, have large congregations.

For fifteen years, T. A. Lockard has been the depot agent at this place.

Home Of John Robbins.

John W. Robbins for two terms served his people as congressman to the State legislature from this little village. Later he was elected State treasurer and served in this capacity four terms. Mr. Robbins came to this county in 1888, one year before Tolbert was allowed a post office. He later died in Austin. Two of his sons, Leonard and Walter Robbins, are prominent citizens of Wichita Falls.

T. H. Shelby, son of J. L. Shelby, a pioneer citizen of the Tolbert community has charge of the University Extension work. Mr. Shelby was principal of the Hubbard city schools for several years before he went into this field.

Came By Wagon.

In 1890, three families in far-a-way Nebraska, having heard of the possibilities of this western country, loaded their families in five wagons and started for Wilbarger county and the town of Tolbert. The trip was made in three weeks and five days. For one whole week in passing through what is now Oklahoma, then Indian territory, they saw no human beings.

They then met an Indian who, upon inquiry, said he did not know where Vernon was but it was "three suns to Doans." They forded Red river at that place and soon reached their destination. The three families were A. W. Blain and family, G. M. Purvis and wife, and J. H. Robertson and family.

Mrs. Purvis and Mr. Blain are visiting here now from California and Arlington, Texas.

Family Still Here.

Mr. Robertson has died but his son, Ed, and daughter, Mrs. T. R. Easterling, and widow, who is now Mrs. L. E. Stevens, still live in Vernon and own two and one-half sections of the land on which they located in 1890.

W. B. Covert, another old settler, arrived here from Denton county the year of the big wheat crop in 1891. Wilbarger was well advertised that year on account of its phenomenal wheat yield, and other pioneers, too, date their coming from that year. Mr. Covert and wife own one section of land where they first settled and have a well improved place. One daughter, Mariana, is at home and another, Miss Emma Lou, recently married and lives in Amarillo.

J. F. White arrived from Montague county in 1890 and cast his lot with the other citizens of the county. He and his sons own three sections of land near Tolbert and a small village farther north is named White City in honor of the family.

Now Lives In Vernon.

In late years Mr. White has been living in Vernon while his sons, John, Perry, Clint and Luther live on the big farms. Mr. White at one time proved to the dubious ones of the county that the sandy land of the northwest part not only would raise bumper crops of cotton and corn, but luscious peaches, rosy cheeked apples, and the famous Burbank plums.

Forty acres were set out in orchard and every year that Mr. White entered exhibits he brought home blue ribbons on his fruit from the Dallas Fair.

Raises Fine Peaches.

Another man "farther up in the sand," T. B. Priddy, who preaches diversification and also practices it, is having wonderful success with peaches. He sold over $300 worth from his 20 acre orchard last year.

S. L. Page and brother E. B. Page have lived in this neighborhood for years. They own a fine body of land and are very prosperous farmers. S. L. (Leslie) taught school for several years in this vicinity, but for some time has been devoting himself to stock raising and farming.

Came In Nineties.

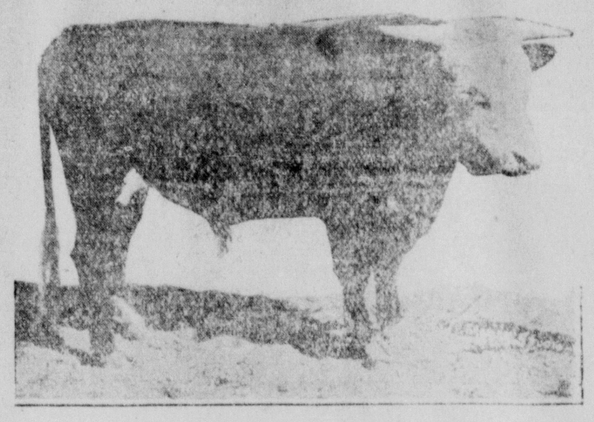
The commissioner for the north side, J. S. (Sidney) Archer, arrived in the "90's" and has spent most of his days in that part of the county. "Uncle Tommy" Baker, now a citizen of Vernon, settled near Tolbert in 1880, the year the railroad reached the village.

The late A. C. Swinburn, the contractor who built the court house, jail, and other public buildings, lived there with his family in 1895. A son, Matt S., is living there now. Another son, Oscar A. and his mother reside in Vernon.

Others Prominent.

Other settlers of long ago and recent years are: S. E. Swim, Earl Willis, Ben Vaughn, B. C. Wood, S. T. Porterfield, J. N. Lawson, Mrs. A. D. Craig, Mrs. Ida C. Henry, R. R. Brooks, M. W. Boger, W. W. Adams, J. T. Dunson, J. B. Gauntt, G. W. Upshaw, Brooks Germany, G. F. Emrick, and J. T. Dunson.

WILBARGER COUNTY BORN AND REARED



Another Hereford premium getter from local fields. Abundant feed crops in this locality make producing livestock a most profitable enterprise.

COUNTY HELPS MAN BEAT ADVERSITY

F. J. LITTLETON FINDS SUCCESS AFTER FORTUNE FROWNS HEAVILY

F. H. Littleton has been in Wilbarger county only since last December, but he is a confirmed booster. He lives three miles west of town in the sandy land district and is fast becoming independent.

A year ago, in fact, he came here penniless and can now be considered in comfortable circumstances. Nothing has brought about this newly found reward but his own industry and Wilbarger county soil, climate and seed.

Driven Out By Weevil.

Mr. Littleton made but two bales of cotton on his Denton county farm during the two years preceding his arrival here. Boll weevil reduced his capital to nothing, wiped out every asset, and left him only his rugged strength and steadfast determination.

At Wilbarger the wanderer found a refuge from the dread pest, and came to this section as a cotton picker. He finally located on a farm west of town and is working a share crop on halves.

Is Now Prosperous.

It is significant that this season Mr. Littleton gathered sixty-eight bales of cotton on about seventy acres. Fifty bales he sold for $5,000, and there is revenue still to come. The man who was destitute has been taken from the files of those suffering adversity, and placed in line with those upon whom prosperity has smiled.

First Venture In Business.

Mrs. Robert L. May living near Fargo, has a flock of 100 hens and is just venturing out into the chicken business. She has both Rhode Island Reds and White Leghorns that yield a handsome profit.

FARGO SETTLED IN EARLY EIGHTIES

MR. AND MRS. JAMES STAFFORD WERE PIONEERS IN COMMUNITY

Mr. and Mrs. James Stafford made the first settlement in Fargo when they moved to their farm there from the Doans community in the early eighties.

They were the first store keepers and Mr. Stafford was the first postmaster at that place. Since then they have been in business there. At present Theodore Stafford, a son, has a garage and accessory business in Fargo. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford last year celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Fargo. A daughter, Mrs. Jennie Coffee, and a son George also live in the community.

Sponsors Three Churches.

Fargo has three churches, Methodist, Baptist and Church of Christ, though the Fargo Baptist church is situated one miles north from the town, and the other two, one mile in the oposite direction. They are a part of the town, for this little village is strung out in one long street with one short avenue intersecting it.

Fargo has a good gin, the property of S. B. Starr of Odell, with A. L. Wall as manager. Two stores, Bargdoll & Stanley, with Artie Hayes as manager, and Mason Brothers, with Tom Mason as manager, supply the village and surrounding country with groceries and dry goods.

Two garages and a blacksmith shop with Theodore Stafford, Clarence Kerns, and J. S. Chism as owners, and a drug store owned and operated by Dr. A. T. Hayes comprise the business of the town.

Community Proud of School.

Fargo has one of the best schools in the county and at present it is badly over crowded. I. L. Coggins is principal. Misses Bonnie Deal, Myrtle Huber, Willie Couch, and Myrtle Weaver are teachers, and there are 225 students.

The handsome two story building contains an auditorium where the exercises of the school and the mass meetings of the community are held.

Women of Fargo have organized a Home and School improvement club and this year at the fair took second prize on their exhibit of canned goods and textiles. Sixteen hundred jars were canned during the season. Mrs. D. J. Wilhelm is president of this club.

Came In Eighties.

R. B. Richardson and W. H. Beavers are pioneer citizens of this county. They too came here with their families in the eighties and have made their home in the Fargo community since their arrival.

Mr. Beavers is living two miles south of the school house on the farm he first took up. He owns a section of good Wilbarger dirt and expects to remain with it during the rest of his life.

Other Pioneers.

Mr. Richardson lives west of Fargo about three quarters of a mile on the second place he settled in this county, and is one of the best known farmers in that community.

C. S. Smith and wife, who was formerly Miss Rosa Parks of Fargo, have lived in that section of the country for many years. Mrs. Smith's parents were among the first settlers in Wilbarger county and gave the first land for a cemetery in the country outside of the town.

The well kept cemetery is situated on the land yet owned by Mrs. Smith. Mr. Smith, too, came here in the early days. They own over a section of land in this community.

Owns Two Sections.

H. E. Key is another successful farmer of Fargo. He owns two sec-

WILBARGER ROADS TO EQUAL THOSE OF OTHER SECTIONS

Bond Issue Carried Overwhelmingly In Fall Insures Many Miles of Paving for Travelers—Construction to Start in Spring—Country Roads to Benefit Also.

Wilbarger county will not be outstripped by other sections of the State in the matter of good roads. A bond issue this fall, carrying four to one, calls for $600,000 to be devoted to the highways of Wilbarger, and for many miles of concrete paving.

In short, when the project is completed a hard surface thoroughfare will extend from Oklaunion to Tolbert, halfway across the county. This will constitute part of the well-known Colorado-to-Gulf highway as well as the State road, Highway Five. Federal and State aid assisted materially in the enterprise undertaken by this county. About $200,000 additional was obtained in this manner.

Country Roads To Benefit.

Each commissioner's precinct, of which there are four, will receive $50,000 for road work. This will be expended on establishing grades, on leveling roads, and building bridges and culverts.

Approximately $300,000 of county money will be used to furnish concrete roads within a radius of about two and a half miles of Vernon. Federal and State aid, however, will extend this mileage considerably on the highway running east and west.

All Receive Benefit.

The project of constructing the hard surfaced roads radiating from Vernon was construed as the best method of benefitting the most persons in the county. It was deemed that the roads closest to the county seat are naturally given the bulk of travel, and thus should logically be administered the most care. Traffic, converging before it reaches the city, exerts a tremendous strain upon the sandy roads now existing, and as a consequence they have been in poor condition much of the time, especially during dry seasons.

There has been talk of another bond issue in the eastern part of the county, but this has not been definitely determined upon. At present the county is eagerly awaiting the construction of its first considerable venture along this line.

E. L. McHugh, county judge, and Commissioners A. M. Bourland, Luttrell, O. A. McCaleb, and Sydney Archer will have this project in charge. All of these officials were deeply instrumental in causing the success of the bond issue.

LAWLISS ESTABLISHES WELL-KNOWN BREED

S. D. Lawliss near Oklaunion five years ago with three pens of Rhode Island Reds started into the pure bred poultry business. Today four hundred beauties comprise the flock. The "Lawliss Reds" are known wherever they are shown as prize winners. Mr. Lawliss has never failed to carry off the blue ribbons wherever he has shown his birds.

He has studied the science of mating for both egg and exhibition qualities and not only found this to be a pleasure, but a profit also.

WAPLES-PLATTER NEW BUT GROWING INDUSTRY

The Waples-Platter Company established a branch wholesale house in this city January 1, 1921. It is located just east of the Frisco and [illegible] depots and between the tracks.

The company has ten[illegible] square feet of floor space in [illegible] and brick building. This [illegible] wholesale grocery company [illegible]lish a branch house here.

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FIRST SCHOOL IN COUNTY AT DAWSON VALLEY

Mrs. A. T. Boger Teaches First Institution in 1881—Pupils Sit on Improvised Seats In Dugout—First Sunday School Was in Home—"Daddy" Nigh Teacher in New Building.

Dawson Valley contained the first Sunday School and school in the county. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Boger invited the neighbors to meet with them at their home and conduct Sunday School in 1881. About thirty people gathered on these occasions and Rev. J. T. Hosmer preached once a month for them.

In 1881, Mrs. Boger taught the first school in the county, in a dug out erected for that purpose in the sand hills near the river. The dugout was 12 by 14 feet and had a fire place and the usual dirt roof.

Roster Of Students.

The following, then children, attended: Mrs. Cecil Storey, A. C. Boger, Joe and Flora Simmons, Lon Byars and the children of Charley McClain. Five of these scholars are residents of the county, Mrs. A. T. Boger, the teacher, Lon Byars, Mrs. Cecil Storey and A. C. Boger live in Vernon, and Joe and Flora Simmons live near Oklaunion.

For a term or two Mrs. Boger received $14 per month as salary. This was a subscription school, and three months sessions were held.

Furnishings were very plain. Seats were of cottonwood logs split with pegs driven in for legs. A writing desk was nailed to the side of the wall and this too, was made of a split log. The open fire place furnished the only other artistic touch of the structure.

Moved To Home.

The school was afterwards moved over to the home of Mrs. Boger where a photograph was taken by Henry Dale when the Sunday School was in session.

Miss Rose was one of the teachers at this school. Patrons of the school finally decided to build a wooden structure to take the place of the poorly lighted dugouts. Lumber was hauled from Gainesville by A. J. Byars and Lon Byars, his son, without cost to the school.

The building was 20 by 24 feet a decided improvement over the other places where schools had been taught. This structure was situated on the south corner of section 8, block 12, H. & T. C., and afterwards was moved down below the Ladd place in that neighborhood. It is now doing duty as a barn on Mrs. Wheeler Landy's farm.

Nigh An Early Teacher.

J. H. Nigh was one of the first teachers at this little new building, and is conceded to be one of the best instructors that ever lived in this county. He was an old white haired man at that time, and wore a long white beard.

In 1884 Mr. Nigh taught at this place and one of the scholars that attended that school says that in three month's this teacher took him through Davie's arithmetic. Previous to this time, the youth had had but two months schooling.

"Daddy" Nigh also taught at Vernon and Doans, and had the same reputation at both places. "He didn't merely hear our lessons, he taught us" said one of his scholars.

Named For Assessor.

The next school building was erected on the W. S. Bourland farm and was still known as the Dawson Valley school house, named for the first tax assessor of Wilbarger county. It is used as a tenant house now since the consolidation of the district.

A few years ago, the district of Dawson Valley and the school at East View decided to consolidate and erect the new brick school house they now use. They named this school Bourland Consolidated, and it is situated on the [illegible] H. Lewis farm, not far from the [illegible]-to-Gulf Highway.

Is Modern Building.

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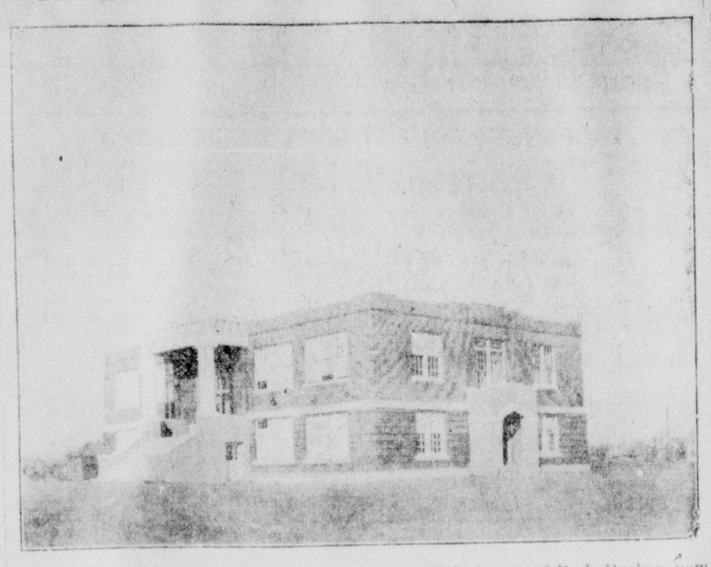
PARKER SCHOOL IN NORTH VERNON COST $16,000



This building was erected in 1917 and named in honor of B. J. Parker, now deceased, once chairman of the school board here. Until the time of the building of this school the children in that part of the city had no school facilities nearer than the Central School building in Southeast Vernon.

GLORY OF DOANS LAY IN DELIGHTS FURNISHED COWMEN

Yells of Indians on War Path Once Reverberated Through Now Peaceful Village—J. Doan Establishes Trading Post In 1878—Thousands of Cattle Pass Through on Old Trail.

Doans—noted once for its glory as a cowman's town—was a place to get the last trail and ranch supplies on the famous Dodge City trail—liquid and dry. In it's late days it has become a peaceful farming community.

The hills no more reverberate to the yells of the Kiowa and Comanche on the war path, nor to the shots of six shooters in the hands of playful cow boys.

Abounds In History.

More local history is packed into this little place than could be told of many larger places of the west.

The first settlers in this county with hope in their hearts and lean purses in their pockets took up the "white man's burden" at this particular place. J. Doan established a trading post with buffalo hunters here in the spring of 1878, though prior to this he had establishments on Buck creek and Wanderers creek farther west.

More Residents Arrive.

In the fall of 1878 to be exact, October 10, the Judge's daughters, Misses Eva and Emma Doan, and his nephew C. F. Doan and wife and daughter, Bertha, came to swell the numbers at the new settlement. The journey was made by wagon from Sherman, the terminus of the railroad at that time. Mail was brought to them by the same conveyance from Henrietta.

Their dwelling place was a picket house, with dirt roof and floor and the modern conveniences of that period. The store occupied one side of this structure.

Adobe Built In '81.

Later two log houses were built and then the present residence of C. F. Doan, the adobe, was built in 1881. An adobe store was built about that time also, but has vanished in the dust of years.

This being the terminus of the Texas part of the trail and nearby the "jumping off place" of civilization, the store at this place supplied the cowmen with wearing apparel and groceries enough to do them on their long track northward. Hundreds of thousands of cattle passed along this point on their slow march to the railroad.

Guard Against Thieves.

A hide and animal inspector was stationed here for the protection of bonifide cowmen against thieves. J. K. Payne was the first "trail cutter" in the county. The first Postoffice in the county with C. F. Doan as postmaster was established here.

The first preacher, a circuit rider Rev. J. T. Hosmer, held the first service at this place in 1880. The first quarterly conference in this part of the West was held under a spreading elm tree, now the property of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Eatmon.

First Picnic In '84.

In May, 1884, the first May picnic was held at this place by C. F. Doan and five others on the same spot where it has been held continuously since that time. Mr. Doan has never missed one of these annual social affairs since they started.

The first school was held at this this place in the fall of 1884, in a log house just west of the "Dobe." It was presided over by Prof. J. H. Nigh and ten scholars attended.

One Store Supplies Wants.

One store, owned and managed by E. L. Blackwood, now supplies trade with groceries and gasoline. The Odd Fellow Hall is over the store where the Subordinate and Rebekah branches of the order meet. L. C. Moore and Mrs. Lena Wilson are the Noble Grands of the respective lodges.

The Hamilton estate, consisting of nearly three sections of land, was settled in 1886 by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hamilton and large family from Grayson county. Mr. Hamilton died in January of this year but three of the sons live near this place; T. A., L. G., and Claude. Mrs. Hamilton lives in Odell and two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Pettit and Mrs. J. B. Ross live in Vernon.

Uncle Johnny Arrives In 1880.

One of the first commissioners, Uncle Johnny Miller and family, came to this place in 1880. Last year Mr. Miller died but his widow still lives on the old home place. J. M. Miller, a son, and the first child born in the county, assisted by big wife and family, tills the soil of the farm on which he was born.

The famous council grounds of the Indians are situated one-half mile from Doans on the farm of J. S. Rowland and on the head of the beautiful little stream that bears the name of the town. Indians came to this place from the reservation to start on their raids into the border counties, and returned to this point to divide the spoils and torture their captives.

Watts Came In '92.

In 1892, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Watts and children came from Indianna to their lands north of Doans. Mr. Watts died two years ago but Mrs. Rena Watts and two sons still retains their 3,000 acre farm and ranch here. Mrs. Watts and son Clyde live in Vernon and the other son, Roy, his wife and child are residing on their farm in this community.

Some well-known farmers of the community are Frank Wilson, J. C. Wilson, R. A. Eatmon, A. H. Seidlits, C. H. Thompson, H. C. Briscoe, D. W. May, P. M. Emmitt, Roy and R. E. Owen, Roy Watts, J. R. Harrison, J. A. Ammons, F. E. Shaw, L. G. Hamilton, C. P. Hamilton, C. F. Doan, A. J. Ammons, S. M. Cannon and T. J. Lewis.

OKLAUNION SCHOOL CONSIDERED ONE OF COUNTY'S BEST

Was First in Wilbarger to Receive Recognition For State Classification — Establishes New Branches Continually—Community Contemplates A New Building.

For the past few years the school at Oklaunion has been considered one of the best in Wilbarger county. One of the foremost reasons for its high standard of efficiency is the splendid community spirit that is behind the school at all times. Although it is not as large in number of scholastics and the amount of taxable property as such school districts as Harrold and Odell, it has nevertheless set the pace for community and school development for the other schools of the county.

For example, the Oklaunion school was the first county school to receive recognition from the State Department of Education for state classification. During the past two years it has made decided progress along many lines. Among the things that furthered this advancement were: a larger teaching force, adequate equipment, more complete library for all grades, a more rigid system of promotion, and a standard thorough course of study.

Is Fully Recognized

Last but not least, there is a spirit of cooperative citizenship in the community. Because of this standard of efficiency, the school has been given all the recognition desired at the hands of the State Department of Education. Full credit is given our graduates and undergraduates in other schools where they are not attending. Course of study in the high school includes history, English, mathematics, science, vocational agriculture, Spanish, music and public speaking.

There are eight teachers connected with the school, seven of whom are on full time and one part time. The following teachers compose the faculty: W. M. Gourley, superintendent; C. C. White, principal; Miss Mabel Griffith, Mrs. J. T. Gossett, Mrs. C. C. White, Miss Exa Saylors, Miss Ethel Carter, and Miss Geraldine Parker. All of the above teachers have had special training in the subjects and departments in which they are teaching, and are teachers of experience also.

Favorably Impressed

Recently a representative from the State Superintendent's office visited the school and made a very favorable report to the State Superintendent concerning the ype of instruction offered in this school and the manner in which each teacher was performing his or her duty.

The school board is composed of the following: R. J. Byars, president; Clay Brite, secretary; Rex Boyd, J. F. Stark, I. W. Skinner, L. H. Creager, M. H. Brite. These men all have a deep interest in the welfare of the school and are constantly planning for its betterment. Plans are already under way to build a new $15,000 school building, modern in every respect for the high school department. The present building, a brick structure, is in first class condition, but is not large enough to accommodate all the pupils adequately. Recently a new electric lighting system was installed and many other improvements have been made this year.

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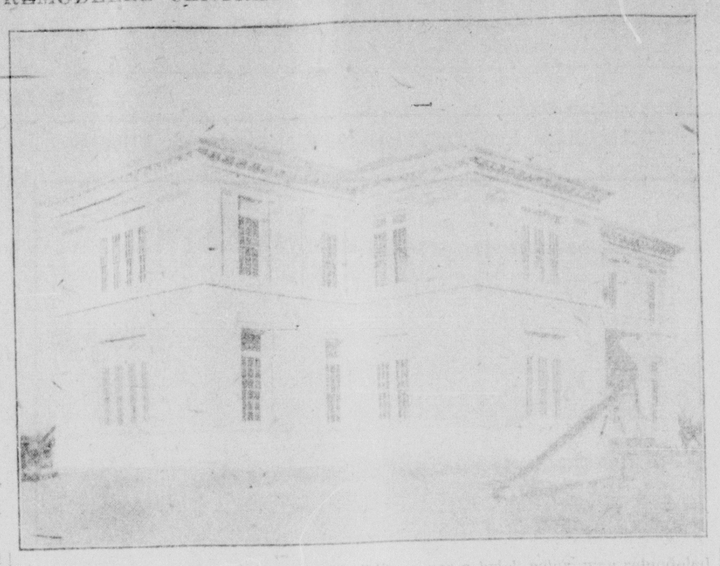

Vernon's first permanent school building, once a brick edifice was remodeled several years ago. The house is located in the southeast part of the city and is good for several more years, as the above cut shows.

The school has an athletic club, domestic science class, a parent-teachers' club, a literary society, and a music club. School entertainments are given regularly.

BELIEVES RHODE ISLAND REDS BEST LAYERS

Mrs. B. W. May, who has a large flock of Rhode Island Red chickens, as do a few more housekeepers, are [illegible] Mrs. May says she is trying [illegible] and they are shaping up. She [illegible] as a side line. There is still [illegible] a dozen and the [illegible] on the [illegible] is a splendid combination.

Mrs. May's chickens now consume [illegible] and they feed to them on the [illegible] be chickens, fresh blood and balanced rations.

[illegible] RAISED RATIONS AND [illegible] CAKES DRESS AND RESULTS

J. E. Collins is a great admirer of [illegible] and owner of Rhode Island Reds. Mr. [illegible] on his home in West Paradise, [illegible] a flock of fifty hens has proven to his own satisfaction that back yard poultry pays.

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FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL IN COUNTY AT DAWSON VALLEY

Home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Boger Utilized for Service—Court House In Vernon Scene of Early Church Meetings—Review of Local Congregations and Development.

The first Sunday School in the county was organized at Dawson Valley in 1884. Mr. Golden was superintendent and Wiley Johnson secretary. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Boger threw open their home for the services. Although children were scarce in number at that time, thirty men, women and children were enrolled.

Mrs. Boger is a resident of Vernon at this time.

Here Year Later.

Vernon's first Sunday School was organized a year later than the one at Dawson Valley. All the denominations met at the little school house for worship at that time.

J. T. Lahue, now dead, was the superintendent. Mrs. I. P. Bonner is a daughter of this man, and has made this city her home for years.

As crowds grew larger and more interest was manifested, church services and Sunday School was held in the court house, on the site of the Farmers' State Bank.

Methodist First.

Methodists were the pioneers in building up a church congregation. Rev. J. T. Hosmer filled his monthly appointment at the Boger home—the year the first Sunday School was organized. He also preached at Vernon and Doans.

In May 1881, he organized a church with five members: J. A. Creager now living at Oklahoma, his wife, their two children, Alice and Will, and nephew, Gid Bryant made up the total of the little organization at Vernon. The first building erected by the Methodist was not finished until six years after the congregation had been organized.

Had Church Wedding.

Before the church was finished, Miss Hattie Farrell decided she wanted a real church wedding, so the keys were borrowed from the architect and she and J. L. Swartwood were married there. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers from Mr. Swartwood's home town, Marshal.

Mr. and Mrs. Swartwood are still citizens of Vernon and reside on West Texas street on the site of the home they built in their honeymoon days.

R. C. Johnson, father of Mrs. C. J. Farrell, and now living at Altus, Oklahoma, was the first superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School at this place. Hon. S. P. Hall, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Amarillo, W. B. Townsend, ex-secretary of State and Judge Walker Hall of the Court of Appeals, Amarillo, were former superintendents and teachers at this church.

Started In Wilbarger.

Rev. Sam R. Hay, John Barens and other lesser lights in the way of ministers caught some of their inspiration from the sun baked prairies of old Wilbarger. They preached to crowds of saints and sinners in this old frame building.

The Baptist congregation was organized in 1883 and worshipped with the other denominations in the court house. In 1889 a building was erected on the site of the Christian parsonage on the corner of Mesquite, just south of Wilbarger. Later this house was sold to the Christian church members who held services here until the new church was completed on Wilbarger street. May 25, 1913, the present handsome edifice was dedicated by Elder J. N. McCash of Cincinnati, Ohio.

New Baptist Church.

The Baptist congregation, after the sale of their property to the Christian denomination, erected the fine brick structure on South Main. James Gilliland was the first Sunday School superintendent of this denomination. Rev. George Truitt, J. Frank Norris and other celebrated divines of the church have held meetings here.

The two branches of the Christian church, in early days were united in worship and congregation. Rev. Sam C. Fowler of Harrold was the first pastor to preach for the local congregation. Elder Peter Smith, now dead, was another pioneer preacher of that faith.

In 1896 Miss Ellen Baker, sister of Mrs. J. H. Pendleton, with Mrs. J. E. Collins as her able assistant, revived the Bible school which had languished for lack of support. Mrs. Pendleton and Mrs. Collins, are the oldest in the point of membership of the Central Church congregation.

Member Since 1887.

The Church of Christ with Elder E. Wallace as pastor and occupying a suitable building on Dent Smith street has a membership of over 300. M. G. [illegible] raising funds [illegible]

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ODELL NAMED FOR RAILROAD OFFICIAL

[illegible] BY PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZENS

The townsite of Odell was donated by [illegible] spirited citizens of that place [illegible] and [illegible] acres to found the [illegible] of the K. W. railroad.

Twenty five acres were also purchased by the citizens at one half [illegible] value and added to the acres [illegible] and the other necessary smaller tracts to this movement. In 1908 the railroad made Odell a station.

Pioneers In Business.

Mr. Stults, the first man on the ground, has lived to see many firms start in business here. The first gin was owned and operated by W. W. Gilbert. Grocery stores were run by M. A. Smith, and J. R. Hule besides several others. J. P. Nave was the first hotel keeper. H. M. Tarlton was the first druggist in Odell and was followed soon by Dr. A. C. Daniels and B. A. Harriss, who also practiced medicine. The Big Joe Lumber Company arrived in time to help the boom along; but in 1912 sold out to a rival firm, the Odell Lumber Company. This firm still does business at the same old stand with Horace Turner as manager.

B. D. Smith was the first hardware merchant in Odell; White and Crain sold coal and feed. Mr. Crain is in the grocery business now. Whitt Mathews sold furniture and also was public weigher. James Leak, now of Vernon, had the first garage.

Newspaper At Odell.

A newspaper flourished at Odell for several years. C. P. Ross was owner and manager of the Odell Reporter. Mr. Ross discontinued the paper, however, and in 1918 went to Vernon where he is one of the owners of The Vernon Times.

The Bank of Odell, a private banking business, was instituted January 1, 1909 with W. T. Collins as president and Will Starr as cashier.

At that time the bank was one door east of the C. W. Stults store. One night in November, 1911, this bank was robbed between the hours of mid-night and morning. The safe was blown, supposedly with nitroglycerine, and three thousand dollars were taken.

Sliced Table Legs.

In blowing the safe open, the door to the vault sliced the legs from the desk table that stood nearby, so neatly that it was afterwards repaired and is in use today in the same bank.

One man, who slept over a building on the opposite side of the street, became aroused at the noise of the explosion and lighted a lamp. The look out man, who stood in the street below, told him to blow out the light and get back in bed or suffer his head blown off. The man promptly obeyed orders and crawled back into the covers. Here he remained until daylight before he notified Mr. Collins that his bank had been robbed.

Kill Constable.

A few days later, Charley Holloway a constable of the town, while searching for the bank robbers, followed two suspicious individuals to the bank of Red river near Doans. On ordering the men to halt one of the youths fired and kiled Mr. Holloway and badly wounded his companion, a man by the name of Doyle.

Mr. Doyle managed to make his escape in a buggy, and quickly notified the officers. A possee was organized and searched all night for the murderers. Next morning a telephone message was received from Frederick announcing their surrender to the officers there. These men were tried in Vernon. One confessed to firing the shots that killed Mr. Holloway and he was [illegible] entenced for one year in the penitentiary and the other came clear.

Feeling Run High.

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HERE'S A SAMPLE OF WHAT WILBARGER GROWS

A field of cotton in bloom. In the fall the county is covered with these fluffy bolls. The crop this year, despite reduced acreage, will total 24,000 bales.

widow lives in Odell. Mr. Coffey is residing in Dallas.

This bank was organized with 10,000 capital. The deposits becoming so heavy it was required by the state laws to raise its capital to $15,000. J. M. White is president now and Will Starr and Hardin Ross are the cashier and assistant.

Mayfield First Teacher.

Tom Mayfield was the first school teacher, in Odell and was followed soon by J. R. Hule a merchant now in the town. A handsome brick school house costing $10,000 was erected several years ago and was destroyed by fire in February, 1921. On the site of the burned structure the tax payers of Odell have erected an $18,000 building with six rooms and an auditorium which is used as a community hall by the town. The building completed, seats and furnishings, brings the cost of the house to $22,000. The following teachers compose the faculty: Principal, T. E. Pearce, Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Misses Elizabeth Blackerly, Rose Hlavity, Georgia Chapman and Mrs. R. D. Thompson.

Have Three Churches.

Three churches have congregations in Odell. The Methodists with Rev. J. Graydon as pastor, the Baptists, with Rev. T. D. Pearson in charge, and the Primitive Baptists with Rev. Edwards occupy churches in the east part of the town.

Some of the farmers living in and near Odell are: J. R. Ross, R. T. Dooley, Joe Crownover, Joe Collins, George Bucy, Newt Bucy, C. D. Shelton, Chas. Kester, C. G. Thompson, ex-commissioner P. H. Bingham, C. E. Sears, Chas. Neal, T. A. Hamilton, J. G. Ayres, B. C. Carter, and I. M. Fulcher.

Big Blaze In July.

July 2 of this year the greatest fire in Odell's history occurred when the Masonic temple and Odd Fellows' hall were burned. The fire was supposed to be of incendiary origin. Contents of both building were destroyed.

The Masons have since that time purchased a brick building and added a story above and are at work again. The Eastern Star also meets in this building with Mrs. Ada Shelton as Worthy Matron. P. L. Hart is Worshipful Master of the Blue Lodge.

Peace officers of the town are P. L. Hart, justice of the Peace, and Charley Pollard, constable. Mr. Hart is also in the insurance business.

ERECTED FIRST ODELL BUILDING

SUNFLOWER GREW HIGHER THAN C. W. STULTS' STORE PORCH

Realizing the importance of being first on the ground in any enterprise, C. W. Stults erected the first building on the townsite of the new town Odell and moved in September 9, 1908. Mrs. Stults, partner and wife of the owner says that sun flowers were higher than the store porch in front of the building when the opening was held.

Two men of the neighborhood wagered each other they would be the first to buy an article from the new emporionm. Emmett Archer, now of Electra, and Bud Dooley, still a resident of Odell, made the bet. Mr Dooley won and the article purchased was a sack of smoking tobacco.

Town Springs Up.

Near the first of the next month of that year a construction crew came through with a work train and the town arose like magic on the banks of Wanderers creek.

Mr. Stults, previous to that time, had been for three years engaged in business at Haulk, southeast of the new town. He was also postmaster. Upon his arrival at Odell he continued to work for Uncle Sam with his store duties. The Haulk office was discontinued at that time.

Sister Now Postmistress.

Mr. Stults served in the capacity of Postmaster for several years and at last persuaded his sister, Mrs. S. S. Farley, to take the office. She is the present post mistress, having held that position since her first appointment.

Odell's first merchant came to Wilbarger county in 1888, but did not bring his family until February, 1889. They came from Dallas county and have resided in this vicinity ever since. The family lived on and cultivated their own farm until 1905 when they went into the mercantile business at Haulk.

Has Always Helped.

Mrs. Stults has always assisted in the store since the first goods were sold and she and her husband are well known all over the western part of the county. They have two children living, Mrs. Fannie Bucy, who resides in the community, and a son, L. H. Stults, living at home with his parents.

Their store is on the site of the first building in Odell and is a comodious and well arranged building.

The former store building was moved back of this present place—has been faced west, and houses the Postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. Stults own their own cozy home in northwest Odell on the site of another residence of theirs that burned several years ago.

ARMY CAPTAIN SUES "NO STOCKINGS" BRIDE

Douglas Osbon, former army captain is suing in San Francisco to divorce his Russian bride, Mrs. Marita Rosen Osborn, niece of Baron Rosen, the Russian statesman. They were married in Vladivostok last January. Among other things, Captain Osborn complains that his wife went without stockings during their residence in Manila. "A Russian custom," she explains. "My husband simply doesn't understand."

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HARROLD NAMED FOR CATTLE OUTFIT

[illegible] COMMUNITY CONTROLLED TRADE OF VAST TEXAS PANHANDLE

Harrold, named for Eph Harrold of [illegible] first cattle [illegible] on the [illegible] county, thus says the real estate man in the Vernon Record of 1886.

He further states that Harrold is 36 miles from Wichita Falls, seven miles south of Red River on the head waters [illegible] the [illegible] river [illegible].

No Fencing Allowed.

"Rich agricultural lands being fast taken up by settlers are west and outside the big pastures" says H. A. Lewis. "Purchasers are limited to one section; the acquisition of large tracts of lands and fencing of large pastures is prevented."

Harrold at that time was a shipping point and controlled the trade of the southern portion of Indian territory, and the vast Panhandle of Texas which, at that period of it's growth was increasing in population and wealth more rapidly than any other section of the country. Harrold was the receiving and shipping point for government supplies for Fort Sill and Fort Elliott. In 1885 there was shipped from this point, then the terminus of the Denver, 40,000 head of beef cattle and there was reecived from the south 150 000 head of stock cattle. No figures are available for 1886 on cattle received and shipped, but they must have doubled.

But when the railroad, after a short stay of one year in this little city, started on toward Denver and reached the county seat, Vernon, Harrold began to dwindle in population. Some houses were moved to Vernon and stocks of goods were shipped to the various other towns beginning to spring up along the right of way of the new railroad.

Life More Commonplace.

In a very few months the glory of the old west had departed and Harrold began to put on her working garb and start to work in earnest. A totally different set of people settled down in and around Harrold and made it what the community is today. The real estate agent of the early day did not exaggerate the possibilities of the soil of this particular community for some of the best land found in the west lies around its door. Agriculturally it ranks with any community in the Panhandle. Excellent wheat lands and row crops of corn and cotton swell the coffers of its influential citizens.

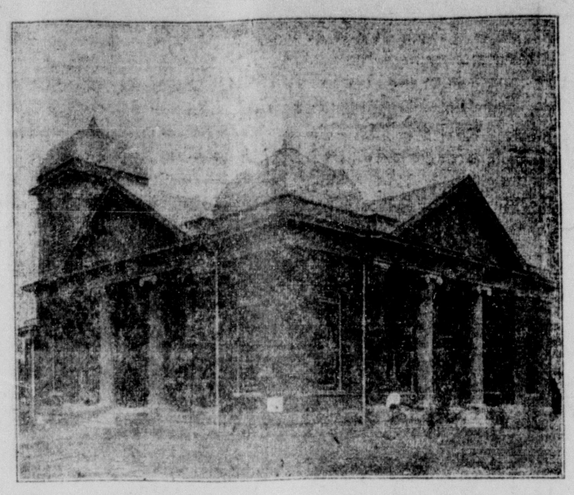
Could land agents have peered a little farther into the future, they would have found Harrold near oil wells, at that time unknown in the Panhandle. South of the town and in Wilbarger county are the largest producing wells in the Electra field.

Piper Finds Fortune.

W. R. Piper who lived from boyhood around Harrold, attending schools and farming its soils, came into his fortune when a section of his land became one of the best known tracts in the west by reason of its flow of the black liquid that turns into golden dollars. Mr. Piper now lives in Dallas.

Other men of that community have profited by the finding of oil on the land around Harrold. Men, they are, who are glad that when the dry years came "they hung on by the eyelids."

BAPTIST HOUSE OF WORSHIP ON MAIN STREET



The Baptist congregation is steadily out growing this handsome and commodious structure. In connection with this building is an annex where the Sunday school holds services and where other church meetings are held. Rev. W. T. Rouse is pastor.

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COLLINS BUILDS FORTUNE AT ODELL

CAME TO SECTION WITH NO CAPITAL AND SUCCESS COMES SLOWLY

No consideration of Wilbarger resources in point of inanimate and animate features can be complete without mention of W. T. Collins, pioneer banker, farmer and capitalist. Living at Odell, he is equally well-known in all parts of the county, and is universally conceded to be "one of Wilbarger's finest."

With only a pitiful capital, this doughty adventurer came to Wilbarger county in 1889 from Arlington, in Tarrant county. Three hundred dollars constituted his worldly possessions, and he borrowed as much more from his father and paid for a 200 acre farm at three dollars an acre.

Accumulates Large Holdings.

Today Mr. Collins can look upon 2,250 acres which he acquired during the interval between that time and the present. Some of it is easily the best land in this section, and is divided between the children of the pioneer.

"When I came here," says Mr. Collins laughingly, "I thought I would keep $200 aside with which to dig a well, buy a house, and construct a fence. I did all my own work."

Prosperity Apparent.

Success came gradually, and at times seemed entirely wiped away. In 1889 Mr. Collins sowed fifty acres of wheat and harvested twenty bushels to the acre. In '90 and '91 he gained good crops as well. Prices were above normal, and times appeared prosperous.

Then—in '92, '93, '94 came drouths, and his small capital was swept away. In the fall of 1896 there was not even seed wheat to be had, and despair lurked in the heart of every farmer.

Not to be daunted, Mr. Collins prepared 150 acres of land for wheat, trusting that in some manner the needed seed would be forthcoming. The guardian farmer angel thereupon sent the railroad company to the section with a shipment of grain which it sold on credit, and the day was saved. That year the crop made twenty bushels to the acre and brought one dollar a bushel.

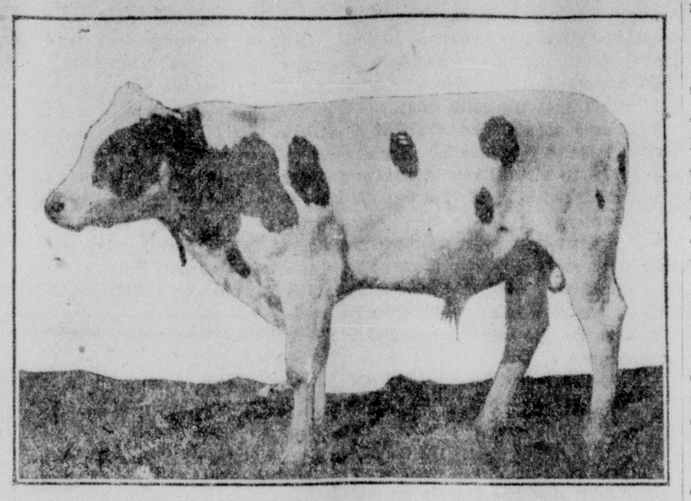
Came On Emigrant Car.

Mr. Collins came to this section with a wife and three children, and made the trip on an emigrant car. All of his worldly goods he shipped with him. Mrs. Collins, true, conscientious, and loving mother, was his constant helpmate at all times.

The man who came to Wilbarger penniless has since become a stockholder in other county enterprises. He was one of the instigators of the Odell bank, and is today its president. Charter members of the institution are L. G. Hawkins, T. H. Shive, B. J. Parker, W. O. Anderson, F. Moffet, and Robert Houssels.

Mr. Collins today is active as ever, and takes a keen interest in his banking afairs. He has retired from intensive farm life, but is closely associated with his boys in all their work.

A WILBARGER HOLSTEIN PRIZE WINNER



Taste for registered stock is becoming gradually cultivated in this county. Many farmers take an exceeding amount of pride in their blooded animals.

SWARTWOOD STARTS COUNTY POULTRY

LOCAL MERCHANT DISPLAYED STANDARD BRED FOWLS BEFORE STORE

Four years ago before the rank and file of chicken fanciers began to realize the money to be made in thorough bred poultry. J. L. Swartwood sent away for fowls of nearly all standard breeds and sold them in front of his place of business at actual cost and carriage. Persons would stop and admire the different breeds and a book agent "had nothing" on Mr. Swartwood for salesmanship and talking arguments he advanced about bred-to-lay poultry.

Always an enthusiast along these lines, it did not take Mr. Swartwood long to convince the public that scrub hens would not pay, and that they needed to build up their flocks by pedigreed stuff. The outcome of it all is that on nearly every farm, in the county at least a small flock of good poultry is cackling and crowing.

For even if all did not hear the sound of Mr. Swartwood's voice, they emulated their neighbors who did and like other good things, they profited by the example of others.

SHERIFFS OWNED STOUT HEARTS THEN

LAW ENFORCERS DEALT WITH FAST SHOOTING MEN IN FORMER DAYS

In 1889, the forty-sixth Judicial District was created with nine counties including Greer county, Oklahoma, then thought a part of Texas. The late Judge G. A. Brown presided over this district for many years. He was succeeded by Hon. S. P. Huff, who is now chief justice of the court of appeals at Amarillo. J. A. Nabers, present magistrate, followed Judge Huff, in office.

Only one sheriff of Wilbarger died with "his boots on," although several had narrow escapes. Uel Music, the first sheriff, was killed in Sullivan's Saloon in Vernon in 1883.

Died As Peace Maker.

He was serving as peace maker and stepped between George Cramner and John Davidson. Cramner fired at Davidson and that bullet ended Music's life. Cramner declared he did it accidentally. Music replied, "It is a costly accident for me, I am passing out." He died as he uttered those words.

Cramner was afterwards killed at Harrold by rangers and is buried at Doans.

Tom Stewart was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Music. He was later killed by rangers near Graham.

County Has Two Sheriffs.

During the time of the Vigilantes committee, Wilbarger had two sheriffs, A. T. Boger and Race Chowning. Barker was another peace officer of the early days, and when his deputy, J. T. Conn, cast his sombrero into the ring, politics became as heated as a Bailey-Neff campaign.

Conn was elected. R. P. (Dick) Sanders was sheriff at the time that "Red Buck," Joe Beckham and the "Kid" roamed the countryside.

J. T. Williams, now dead, who had been a deputy for years followed Mr. Sanders as sheriff and held that office for twelve years. He was never defeated. J. D. Key, present city marshal, succeeded Mr. Williams.

Ish Fills Vacancy.

Upon his resignation, W. A. Ish was appointed to fill out the term. He was afterwards elected to this office. Mr. Ish is also a pioneer peace officer of Wilbarger county and has had many thrilling experiences both as a deputy and sheriff.

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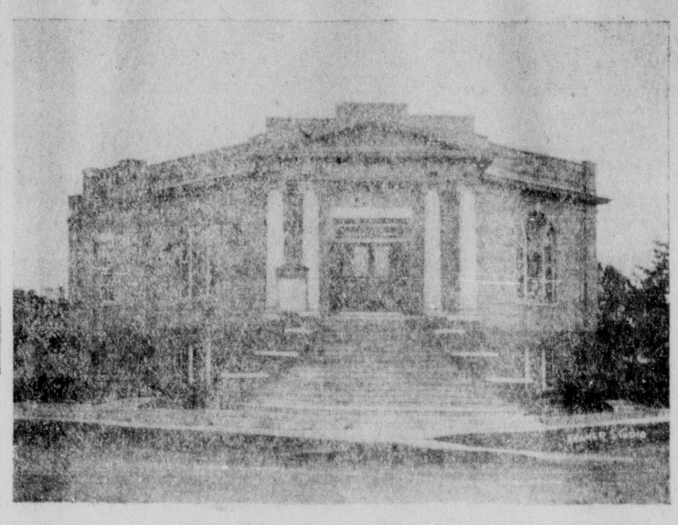
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON WILBARGER STREET



This church was dedicated eight years ago. The church has a membership of three hundred. Gus Ramage is the present pastor.

An easy way to examine the inside of a casing for a weak spot is to place a block of wood between the beads so that it will stretch the tire open. The wood keeps open the part under inspection.

Keep a few old newspapers in one of your car pockets. They will help you to get out of a mud hole some day. They afford a good traction for the wheels, when placed underneath them in the mud.

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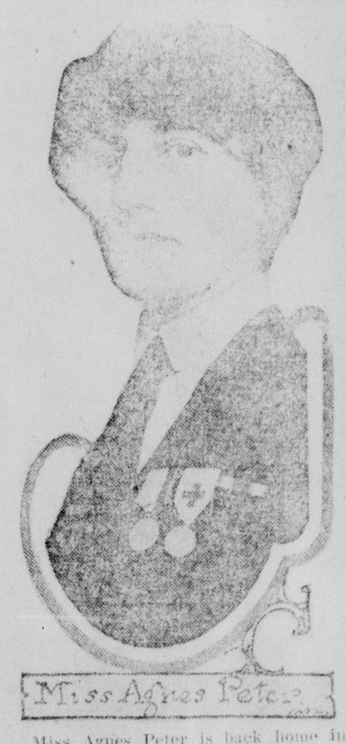

Miss Agnes Peter is back home in Washington. She is the first American woman to be granted the silver medal of hoor given by the French Government to foreigners for distinguished service, having been the director of the Foyer du Soldat, which is similar to our own Y. M. C. A. Miss Peter served wth the Army of Occupaton in the Rhineland, later with the "Y" in Poland, Austria and Czecho-Slovakia, and on her way home visited England, where she saw the survivors of the Z-R 2which crashed in Hull. Now she is on a tour of the Girls' Schools of this country, telling them of the needs of fellow students in Europe, explaining their desperate plight, because of Government subsidies and the exchange situation, and she is raising funds to help provide for them.

We Believe in Wilbarger

—Our PRIDE is Harrold—with its school UNRIVALED by any other community in the West—its SUPERIOR CITIZENSHIP and FERTILE LANDS. We have an abiding faith too, in all of Wilbarger County—as the best Agriculturally and from the standpoint of Citizenship in ALL TEXAS.

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The First State Bank

S. H. FIELDS, President.
CARL MORRIS, Vice-President.
OTIS LUTTRELL, Cashier.

HARROLD, TEXAS

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SEWELL GRAIN & FUEL CO.

Manufacturers of

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FLOUR

AND HIGH GRADE MILL PRODUCTS

COAL, GRAIN AND FEED

VERNON, TEXAS

January 1, 1922.

Dear Sir:

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

We have RESOLVED, that, beginning with the New Year, we will discontinue our policy of marketing our Circle 'S' Flour and Meal exclusively thru the grocery merchants, and will, instead, put into operation a new policy which we choose to call the CONSUMER'S WHOLESALE SYSTEM.

By CONSUMER'S WHOLESALE SYSTEM we mean simply that we will hereafter distribute our Circle 'S' Flour and Meal direct to the consumer on a cash, barter, trade or exchange basis, by the following methods:

1. We will sell these products (one sack or more) direct to the consumer, at the wholesale prices, with free delivery inside of city limits.

2. We will barter, trade or exchange our Circle 'S' Flour and Meal, in any quantity from one sack up, to the consumer, at the wholesale prices, for his wheat, corn, oats, maize, hay or any other farm products that we can use, at the market prices.

3. We will grind corn, oats, maize, etc., for cash or for toll.

By either of these methods the consumer will save at least the retailers' profit on his flour and meal requirements.

And now, may we say a few words about our Circle 'S' Flour and Circle 'S' Meal.

We make Circle 'S' Flour from the best, selected, thoroughly scoured and cleaned native grown wheat, on a Midget-Marvel Mill—a new, perfectly sanitary, short system process whereby we produce a pure, white, wholesome, high grade flour, just as Nature intended the flour you use should be. This flour is not "killed" in the milling process, as is often done with other mills, but contains all of the health-giving qualities and nature-flavor of the wheat berry. It is the ideal flour for biscuits as well as for light bread, cakes and pastries. We guarantee our Circle 'S' Flour to be unexcelled for any purpose for which good flour is used. Try it on our guarantee.

Our Circle 'S' Meal is ground from only selected white corn, after thorough scouring and cleaning, and there is none better. Guaranteed fresh and sweet.

We also handle coal, grain and feed.

Won't you RESOLVE to trade with us this year?

We need your business; you need our service and satisfaction.

THANK YOU

SEWELL GRAIN & FUEL COMP[ANY]

North Main St. and Denver Tracks. Vernon, Texas

COURT HOUSE IN OLDEN DAYS WAS COMMUNITY CENTER

Season's Social Events Conducted Within Domain of Law's Majesty—Arrival of Railroad Celebrated In Structure—City Marshal Falls From Third Floor and Is Killed.

Vernon has had three court houses since Wilbarger has been a county. The first one was situated about where the Bailey Hotel now stands, and was a small dwelling house.

This structure burned down and most of the early records of Wilbarger were lost. Luck was with the officials however, for Birchfield and Stephens Brothers had just compiled a record of the county for their new abstract business. So the most important papers were saved.

On Corner of Square.

The second court house was erected on the site of the Farmers State Bank and was a commodius structure. It looked a little like the Commercial hotel and was considered a very fine piece of architecture. Lumber was purchased from Mayfield and Company.

At this place the elite of the city danced good old fashioned quadrilles or romped through the military schottische and polkas.

Dance At Court House.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Rowland announced their marriage at Mr. Byars', in written invitation about that time and in a foot note at the bottom of the page there is: "Dance at court house after the ceremony. July 11, 1883.

In 1886, the present temple of Justice was erected by Strain Risley and Swinburne from bricks made near the home of W. M. McCaleb on Paradise creek. The Vernon Guard announces the erection of the jail and then launches out in a description of the New Court House. "The structure is to be completed this year" says B. Wilson Edgell. "It is to be of brick, three stories high. It is to be in the middle of the public square and have four grand entrances—one from each side of the square."

Was Community Center.

After the completion of this handsome brick building, it became the community house of the town and county. Here the grand ball announcing the arrival of the Fort Worth & Denver was held and other great occasions were celebrated.

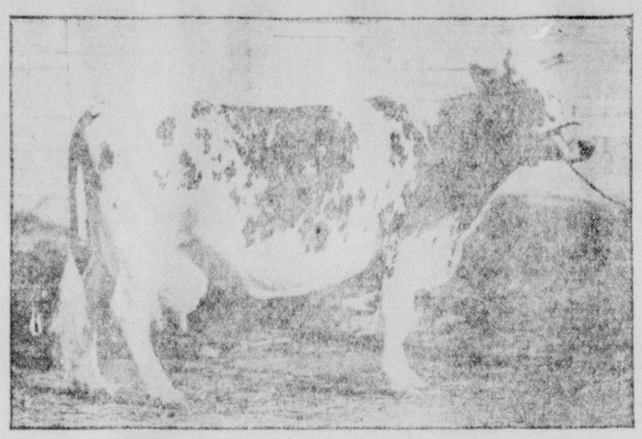
In 1890 John Hammond, city marshal, fell or was pushed from the third floor of this building. He had gone after night to one of the rooms on this floor after some papers and was found shortly after mortally injured.

Hammond struck the lower floor with such terrible force that one knee went through the plank floor. The funeral procession that followed him out to East View was the largest up to that time that had ever formed here.

Fake Clock Faces.

When the court house was first erected, it had a large tower upon it and imitation clock faces on all four sides. One could climb up by means of a ladder and gaze all over Wilbarger county. Some one said that the reason the clock faces were removed was because of the fact so many people set their watches by these false time pieces. But the facts are that the tower acted as a kind of funnel and wind and rain came down into the building.

BESS BURKE ORMSBY, A PRIZE WINNER



Just another reason why Wilbarger is coming to the fore as a cattle raising country.

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Town.

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non, was given because of the fact that bald eagle had been killed on the flat where the little village was to stand.

At Main And Wilbarger.

The first postoffice in Vernon was located in the store of Wood & Company, at the corner of Wilbarger and Main street. The present brick building was erected by this firm in 1890, and is occupied by Massie-Vernon Grocery company now.

The varied assortment carried by Wood and Comnaity, as shown by an advertisement of 1886 in the Vernon Guard, consisted of general merchandise, trail and ranch supplies, corn and oats, clothing and gents furnishing goods, boots, shoes, hats and gloves, notions and ladies goods, boys' and youths' clothing, hardware, glassware, queensware, wooden ware and willowware, threshing machines, mowers and harvesters, double shovels, grain drills, plows and cultivators, guns, pistols, cartridges, belts and scabbards.

Fruits In Season.

One advertisement is, "Fruits and vegetables kept on hand in their season." This happened before the Denver came tooting in to bring the tenderfoot and the tender fruits and vegetables from the orchards and gardens of the east.

All under one roof, one could call for mail and be supplied with everything from washtubs to weapons.

Some of the early postmasters of Vernon were: H. A. Morgan, B. M. Logan, Miss Cora Ralston, J. R. Wood Jim Creager and C. J. Farrell. J. R. Wood, Mr. Creager, and Mr. Farrell still live here.

WILBARGER SOIL MAKES HIM RICH

J. F. GREGORY MADE TRIP TO COUNTY ON BORROWED FINANCES

Ask J. F. Gregory if Dame Opportunity lurks within the boundaries of Wilbarger county. This doughty farmer, who came here thirteen years ago from Cherokee county, was "on his uppers" when he crossed the Wilbarger line, and his trip here was made on borrowed money. Today he owns 1,243 acres of the finest land in the county, and is more than independent.

Fine crops, not merely the past year, but in previous seasons have convinced him that there is a living in the soil for the man who earnestly seeks it. Of course, it has not meant sitting on the kitchen stoop when there were crops to cultivate, or loafing on the street corner in town when grain was ripe, but the success of the agriculturist has come as much through the natural productiveness of the land as through the energy expended in making it produce.

Is Abreast of Times.

Mr. Gregory does not accomplish things by halves. He is a thorough farmer, and endeavors to keep abreast with every advancement of the line he follows. It has become a profession to him, and the greater the amount of cultivation bestowed upon it the more bountiful have been the returns.

It is worthy of mention that during the past season Mr. Gregory produced 21 1-4 bales of cotton on a sixteen acre tract. On ninety acres he made 81 bales. It was necessary to replant the sixteen acre patch in June after it had been washed out by a heavy rain.

Land is always prepared carefully ahead of time by this industrious Wilbarger farmer. Winter breaking and surface cultivating he considers essential to the welfare of his crops, and he gives minute attention to all details of farming.

Fine crops have characterized his efforts the past year. Two thousand bushels of corn and seventy-five tons of maize have gone to swell his granaries.

Now Has Eight Tennants.

Mr. Gregory has eight tenants on 430 of his good acres. These renters succeeded in producing 272 bales off the land. They are working on shares.

Mr. Gregory's first purchase consisted of 200 acres. Gradually, through his industry and the prolific soil, he acquired more and more land until he is considered one of the most prosperous of county farmers.

His land is a valley loam and sandy. All of it with the exception of 200 acres lies about six miles east of town. Mr. Gregory is proud of the fact that on his sixteen acre patch he produced a yield of cotton averaging 1.33 per cent, while what was considered a State record published recently in a paper of prominence gave to a Clarendon farmer a yield of 1.27 per cent.

Mr. Gregory is an excellent example of what grit and perseverance can accomplish. With determination to succeed he found every asset to his credit in the natural allies provided by Wilbarger soil and climate.

Posted Notice.

This is to notify the public that my place three miles northeast of Vernon is posted according to law and all persons hunting or trespassing on same will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

93-8tp ED S. SMITH.

We Appreciate Our Customers Every Day

—But at this Season it gives us added joy to wish for them the Best of the New Year.

Our laundry is equipped with the most modern machinery, our employes are experts, and our service is prompt.

You will find it Pays in Time, Comfort and Convenience to let us rid you of wash day worries. Include this in your New Year resolutions.

EMPIRE LAUNDRY

"An Enemy to Dirt"

Phone 60

WILBARGER COUNTY ESTABLISHED 1881

SPIRITED CONTEST AMONG COMMUNITIES TO WIN THE COURT HOUSE

Forty years ago, or to be exact, October 10, 1881, ushered in Wilbarger county. Numerically speaking Doans was the strongest candidate for the site of the county seat. Geographically, Vernon had the edge on her northern neighbor, while Harrold was third in the race for this honor.

Doans citizens shortly before this decided that the seat should be placed at Vernon because of the town's nearness to the center of the county, so a committee went to T. Windsor Robinson, on whose land the townsite was placed, and demanded that he give a certain number of town lots to the county or the county seat would be placed at Doans.

Mr. Robinson, sensing the turn of the tide, agreed to this. However, he afterwards redistricted the acreage and the county found itself in possession of lots, but no corner ones.

Pad Voting List.

On the ticket to be voted on that day, only Vernon's name appears as a candidate for the county seat. In order that the required number of names might be secured to organize the county, the list was padded with fictitious signatures and bore the names of both women and children.

The following ticket was voted on: For county judge, J. W. Drury and J. Doan. Judge Doan was elected. For sheriff: Uel Music; for county treasurer, C. F. Doan and W. A. McKinney. Mr. McKinney was elected by a majority of three votes.

Perkins County Clerk.

Three candidates ran for county and district clerk; L. Newport Perkins, George Washington Darby and W. W. Brazeal. Mr. Perkins was elected. He died in Vernon about a year ago.

Alex Dawson was elected assessor, J. (Daddy) Nigh was elected surveyor, and J. K. Payne was made hide and animal inspector. Uncle Johnny Miller was elected commissioner of precinct 3, George Probasco of precinct 2, and the other two have been forgotten. None of the commissioner aspirants appear on the ticket.

Court In Blacksmith Shop.

Wilbarger county was attached to Baylor county for judicial purposes and Judge B. F. Williams of Graham was district judge, B. F. Brin was district attorney.

The first district court was held in June, 1882 and lasted two days. The first grand jury with C. F. Doan as foreman convened in an old blacksmith shop near the Herring-Showers Hardware company.

This log shop had no windows nor doors, and was not even "chinked," so the Judge thought he should have a guard posted about the place to warn off intruders. Uel Music, the newly made sheriff marched gravely up and down before this structure. Court was in session two days, and found no bills.

MERCHANTS FEW HERE IN 1883

POPULATION OF ENTIRE COUNTY AT TIME ESTIMATED AT 500

In 1883, the population of Wilbarger county was estimated to be 500 inhabitants. And that was a liberal estimate. Merchants at that time were few in number and very scattered.

B. K. Wood & Company, Kinsey Brothers and C. F. Doan & Company had general merchandise stores in Vernon. B. K. Wood was on the corner where the Massie-Vernon grocery is now in business. This brick building was built by the late Dr. Wood. Kinsey Brothers were on Russell's corner. C. F. Doan & Company was next door to the Hahn Building. J. R. Sumner Drug Company was on the southwest corner of the square.

Dr. Johnson was the physician of the town, and P. S. Haggy the first postmaster and a dry goods merchant, was situated where the Vernon Drug Company now stands.

Saloon On Corner.

C. M. Byars grocery store was on the corner where the Wide-A-Wake is. The Herring-Bank corner was occupied by C. M. Byars in the old Star Saloon. Paul Hoefle ran the occidental saloon on the site of Swartwood & Company. D. J. Sullivan conducted the same kind of business where the Hawkins Furniture store is. Mr. Brazeal had a barber shop near the site of the Bailey Hotel.

Joe Schmidt was the genial hotel keeper and ran the well-known Commercial hotel just east of the White Garage.

Mr. Schmidt now lives in West Vernon. The little log jail occupied the plaza where the court house now stands.

DR. E. B. JONES

VETERINARIAN

Inter-State Inspector

Office Fergeson Drug Co.

Residence Phone 498

Office Phone 26

Wilbarger's Biggest Asset

Wilbarger County's most VALUABLE assets are its Men and Women—these, and not the acres of UNRIVALED FERTILITY, will determine Wilbarger County's Prosperity throughout the years. Making the OLD HOME ATTRACTIVE is perhaps the ONE BEST WAY to KEEP OUR BOYS and GIRLS on the FARM. That is why in EXTENDING GREETINGS for 1922, we suggest that you make a NEW YEAR RESOLUTION to Rebuild the Old Home—make it cozy, comfortable and livable—give it exterior beauty as well as interior convenience. Let's make Wilbarger county boys and girls proud of Wilbarger county—of their own homes—just as we are proud.

May we work with you? This is our New Year Wish!

Long-Bell Lumber Co.

OF TEXAS

"Quality" our Watchword; "Service" our Creed

OUR Faith in Wilbarger County Grows with the years. We believe in its fertile acres—as the most productive, year in and year out, of any in all Texas; and in its people—as the most Industrious, Progressive and Neighborly in the entire Southwest. There are reasons why we anticipate—if we all pull together—that 1922 will be a year of Peace and Prosperity.

Accept our New Year greeting, and permit us to serve you in any capacity possible during the coming year.

Herring-Showers Hardware Company

Vernon and Harrold

ODELL COMMUNITY

WATCHING THEIR FAVORITES FLASH DOWN THE HOME STRETCH

A good sized crowd at a Wilbarger County fair. Between events they watch the trials between fast automobiles and novelty derbies. The fair this year was held August 31, September 1, 2 and 3.

HARROLD QUALITY SURVIVES YEARS

DIMINISHED POPULATION HAS NO EFFECT ON SUBSTANTIALITY OF TOWN

Harrold, near the eastern line of Wilbarger county and about fifteen miles from Vernon, was at one time the most flourishing community in this section due to the fact that it was the terminus of the Quanah railroad. The town has deteriorated in point of numbers, but decidedly not in quality as is evinced by the business establishments, the homes and the character of the merchants engaged in operating them.

The First State Bank of Harrold is housed in an attractive building and is a sturdy institution. S. H. Fields is president, Carl Morris is vice-president and Miss Ruth Hatcett is cashier. Its influence is manifested over a wide area.

Modern Gallmade.

There are two elevators at Harrold, one of the Wilbarger Drug Co., the Wilson Grocery Co., and Carl Morris Grocery Co., the Harrold Hardware Co., Douglas Bros. barber shop, the Douglas Garage, the Fowler and Colony Hotels, and a telephone exchange operated by the Allen Brothers.

Harrold merchants are looking optimistically toward the near future in anticipation of a betterment in financial conditions everywhere. Their trade territory extends northeast to the county line, northwest to the old Staley place, east to the county line, south to Waggoner's pasture, and west to Oklaunion. Tourist trade during June and July is an immense asset to the community. Improvements on the Colorado-to-Gulf highway have found ready sanction from Harrold residents as it is a decided financial advantage for the town to be situated on a well known thoroughfare.

However, natural progressiveness is the essence of the sentiment at Harrold and the attitude of the community is based mainly on this fact.

Farms Prosper.

Country in the vicinity of Harrold produces good cotton but better wheat. With the opening of the gin at Harrold next year it is thought there will be a corresponding increase in the cotton crop of the locality. Farmers in the section have made good feed crops, and have enough at present to last them another year.

A severe fire last December created a heavy loss in Harrold, and destroyed several of the principal buildings. It is contemplated replacing those structures before long.

Harrold is decidedly pleased over the issue of $800,000 to better county roads, and has nothing definite in mind concerning a district road election. Many residents of the community are of the opinion that a paved road through the county would be an immense stimulus to trade.

IS SURE POULTRY BRINGS PROFITS

MRS. J. T. MILLER'S [illegible] HAVE FED FAMIL[illegible] FOR SEVERAL [illegible]

Mrs. J. T. Miller of the Fargo community says that she has proved beyond all doubts that poultry pays on the farm. She has a flock of about 150 laying hens of the White Leghorn variety. These industrious fowls supply the family of nine with groceries and have done so for several years.

A Busy Day Alone.

The eggs are marketed mainly at a time when they [illegible] Mrs. Miller has [illegible] of hens, likes [illegible] Wednesday [illegible] Thursday [illegible] Saturday [illegible] Sunday [illegible] Monday [illegible] Tuesday [illegible] Wednesday [illegible] Thursday [illegible] Fri

VERNON BUSINESS SECTOR SHOWS WIDE VARIETY

Manufactories Give Prominent Part to Production of Many Articles

Europe—Is Centre of County Trading Activity

Vernon's [illegible] is composed of approximately [illegible] establishments. Businesses represented range from bakeries to mills, from grocery stores to dry goods houses. There are two excellent [illegible] equipped at a cost of $75,000 [illegible] wealth of [illegible] five stories [illegible] from dime stores [illegible] exceptionally [illegible] grocery establishments. Two flour [illegible] handle [illegible]

Two-thirds of those who patronize Vernon merchants live within five miles of the city, eighty per cent live within ten miles. Trade however, consistently comes from every part of the county.

Principle products of Wilbarger county consist of seeds, cotton, live stock, oats, flour and stable goods of various sorts. Thirty new establishments have been set up in Vernon during the past year.

The school payroll in Vernon amounts to $4,000 considered a neat sum for a city having a population [illegible]

Chamber of Commerce Active.

Vernon's Chamber of Commerce has taken an active part in the affairs of the city's industries. R. H. Cotton is president of the commercial body, and Jno. Morgan secretary. Under [illegible]

Vernon is considered one of the best dressed towns in the State?

Vernon boys and girls at college make better grades than the average Students imported to [illegible] of Texas last year inherited this trait.

Vernon has more [illegible] children to school here?

Vernon has exceptional modern facilities for a town of its size?

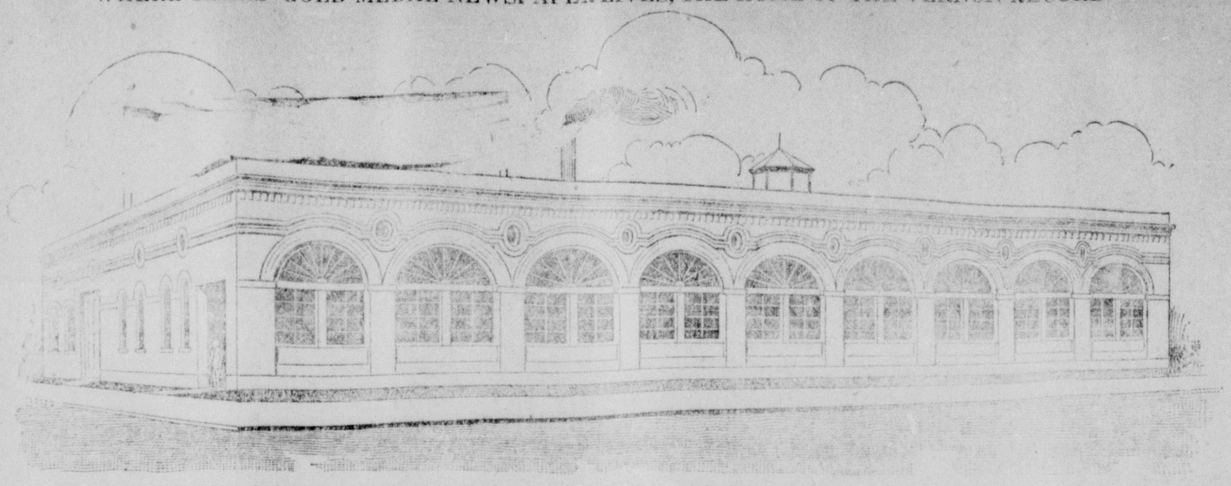
Vernon is known as the Shade Grown [illegible]

Stockholders in The Vernon Record are confined solely to local townspeople. R. C. Brown is president and manager of the paper, E. C. Hawkins is [illegible] and business manager. E. C. Schroeder is associate editor. The Record is a [illegible]

VERNON RECORD WAS VOTED BEST PAPER IN STATE

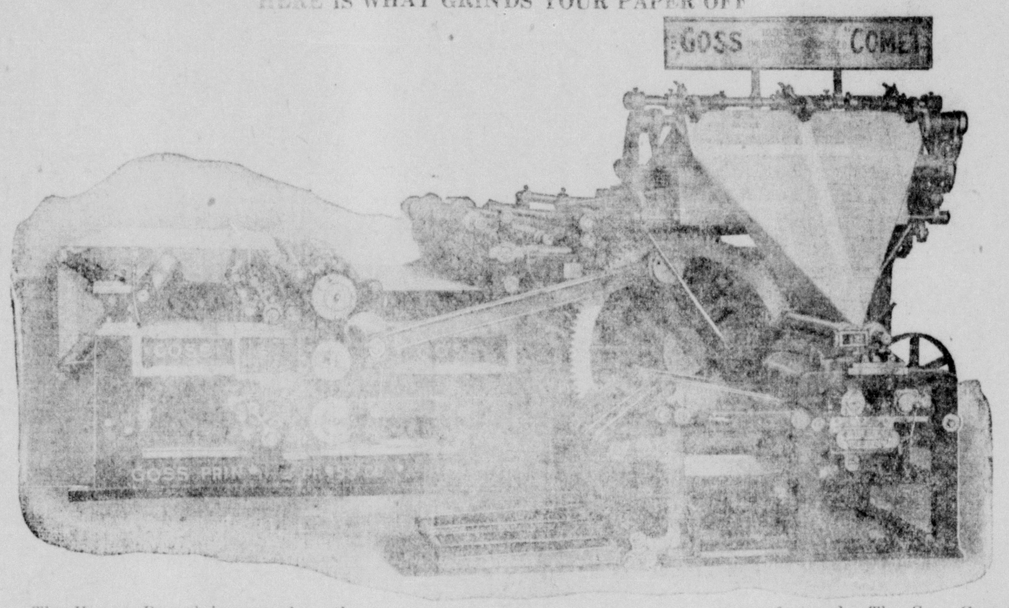
The Vernon Record, only semi-weekly in Wilbarger county and twice weekly at the State Capital, the best paper published in Texas, is located on the corner of N. Main and [illegible] streets. Its quarters consist of [illegible]

WHERE TEXAS' GOLD MEDAL NEWSPAPER LIVES, THE HOME OF THE VERNON RECORD



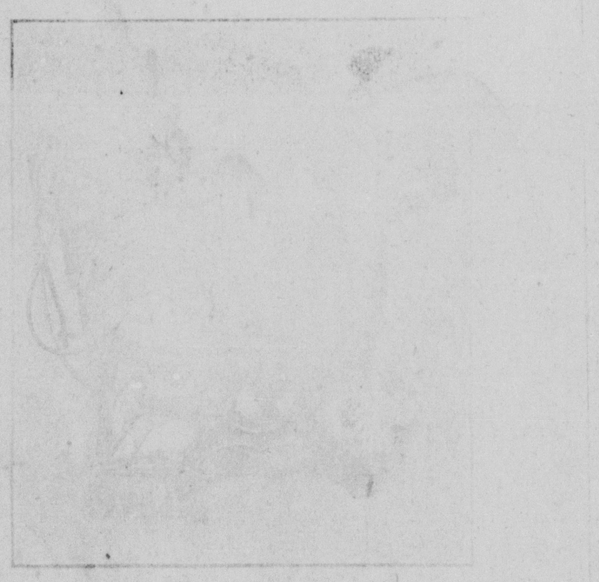
In this handsome building there is issued twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays, what has twice at State Press Association meetings been conceded the best all-around newspaper in Texas. The quarters are ample for the elaborate outlay of machinery owned by the Record. The building is light and airy, and [illegible]

HERE IS WHAT GRINDS YOUR PAPER OFF



The Vernon Record is printed on the most modern type of newspaper presses manufactured. The Goss Comet was installed in October, 1917. It produces 3,500 eight page papers per hour. The Record's entire circulation is run off in less than one hour, where it would take five hours under the old system. Blank paper is fed in a roll at one end of the machine. The press is automatic in its functions and prints, folds and delivers the paper complete at one operation.

WILL PRINT THEM WHILE YOU WAIT



[illegible] books and other large job work. It is known [illegible] cylinder press.

MRS. BERTHA ROSS.

The Record personally guarantees [illegible] to be the best known lady [illegible] county. Furthermore [illegible] the most thoroughly [illegible] individual locally concerning [illegible] events and history in this vicinity. Mrs. Ross was the first white child [illegible] and came here with her father, C. F. Dean.

That, however, is beside the point. The Record wants to inform its patrons [illegible] as well as they is indebted to [illegible] for the large amount of [illegible] in this issue. Further [illegible] industrious lady gleaning [illegible] items that are also [illegible]

Her home is at Doans and she is not a regular member of The Record staff. However, she is a wonderful "emergency" worker, and The Record deems itself fortunate in obtaining her services.

E. C. SCHROEDER NEWS EDITOR

E. C. Schroeder, news editor of The Record, is both an A. B. and B. J. graduate of the University of Missouri. His career in journalism was taken in 1910 while he was graduated from the College of Arts a year later. Mr. Schroeder came to Vernon as soon as he received his degree, in May, 1920.

Mr. Schroeder took training in Camp Zachary Taylor and Fort Sheridan, Illinois and was commissioned second lieutenant in the Field Artillery. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, played three years on the football and basketball teams at the University of Missouri. His home is in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Serving as local correspondent for the Dallas News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Wichita Record News [illegible] when he is not gathering and writing [illegible] for The Record.

E. C. CHRISTIAN, BUSINESS MGR.

[illegible] are few residents of Vernon [illegible] pleasant [illegible] is not familiar. He has been connected with the Record only [illegible] months, but during that period he has [illegible] an astounding amount of job work, and is fast acquainting [illegible] to attend to every detail of the task before him.

Mr. Baird's policy is, "Make no mistakes." When a job order must be executed with exceeding caution, Mr. Baird is called upon to read the proof.

This member of The Record force is a well-known Wilbarger resident, and makes his home in West Vernon. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, an active lodge worker, and has many friends throughout this locality.

BANKS BENNETT, COMPOSER.

Banks Bennet has been with The Vernon Record four and one-half years, but has been a resident of this locality since 1884. He came to Vernon from Altus, Okla., and has been in the printing business since 1892.

Fourteen months Mr. Bennett spent on the staff of the old "Vernon Guard," and has been associated with a half dozen or more papers. His specialty is the composition of advertising matter. Mr. Bennett sets up a large number of the ads which appear twice a week in The Record.

[illegible] OPERATOR.

Mr. [illegible] Texas man, though he has lived long enough in Oklahoma to obtain that his home. However when the war was declared he joined the colors at Camp [illegible] Texas in June, 1917. He went into the radio section of the signal corps and received the rank of second lieutenant in the 90th Division. At the close of the war saying Texas came near losing her son for he was under orders to go to Siberia at that time. At present Mr. [illegible] is in the reserve, having been furloughed home when the armistice day ended the war.

ANDERSON C. SMITH, OPERATOR.

"Oh Andy," is as common an expression in The Record office as on the cartoon page of a well-known State daily. For Andy, be it known, The Record's Andy, is a sure source of information "when in doubt."

Mr. Smith is thoroughly versed in every phase of the printing business and an adept at whatever he puts his hand to. He is an excellent linotype operator, a make-up man par excellance and is, in fact, able to accomplish whatever task looms before him.

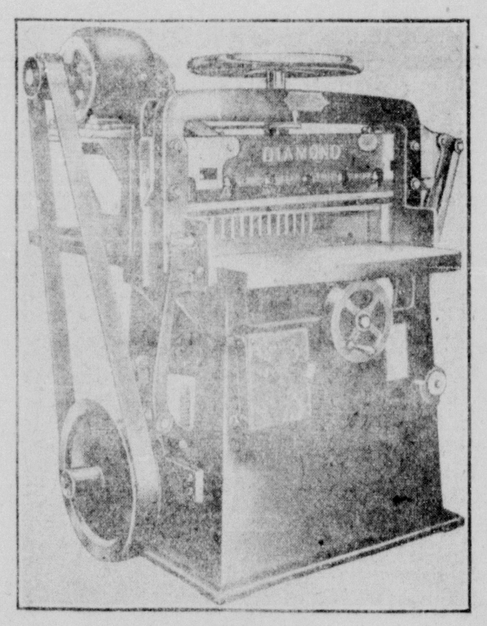
Mr. Smith is a quiet person of unruffled demeanor. He has manner of working steadily and conscientiously during every minute of every hour that wins him the respect of every man in the shop.

ALLEN STUART.

Allen Stuart is general utility man in The Record plant. His work varies from the casting of mats in which molten metal is used, to the operation of a job press. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stuart, and has lived in Vernon two years, coming from Waco.

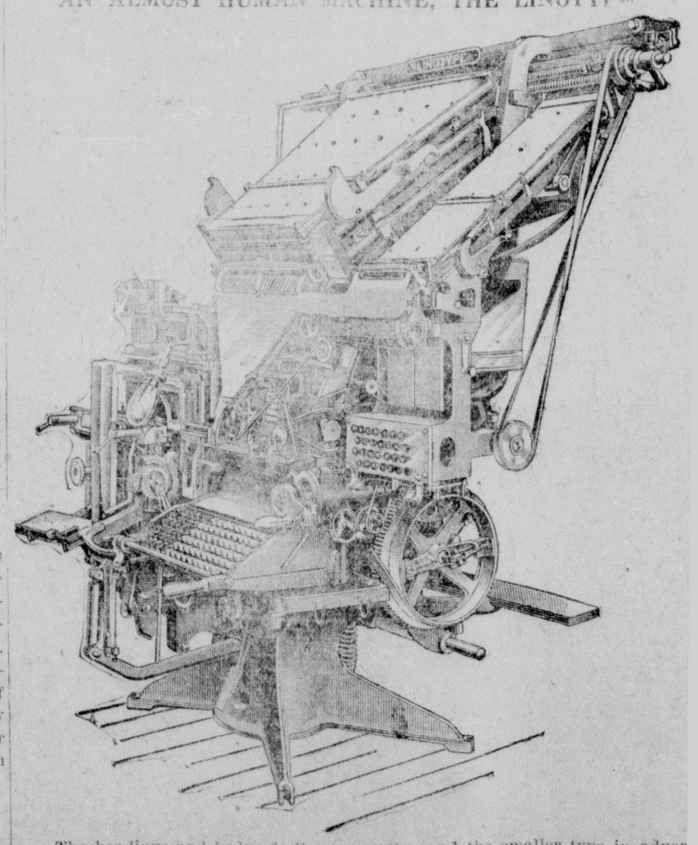
Stuart has been with The Record since a year ago last August.

CUTS THROUGH THE TALLEST STACK



Paper stock for job work is cut from large sheets before being sent to the pressroom for printing. The cutter as is all other machinery in the Record plant, is furnished power from its own individual motor.

AN ALMOST HUMAN MACHINE, THE LINOTYPE



The headings and body of all news matter and the smaller type in advertisements are set on this machine. It is a model 14 multiple magazine Linotype and it does the work of five men under the old hand system of setting type.

CLEVER LIGHT RAYS ARE GLOOM CHASERS

MODERN LIGHT PLANTS BRING COMFORT AND CHEER TO COUNTRYSIDE.

Light is a harbinger of cheer. Darkness an omen of despondency. As the plant instictively turns toward the light, souls reach out after the same. The first light was the red glow from the blaze of the camp fire as historic man rubbed the dry twigs together that ignited it.

Later the "tallow dip" took the place of fire places to be replaced later by the glass hand lamps of the fore fathers.

Then cities with a watchman armed with a latern, who nightly made his rounds calling out the time of night with "Alls Well," was the first street lighting system. Gas lamps replaced this and later the arc light made its appearance, and lit the "great white way" of the city's thoroughfare and its homes. And yet—the country slept in darkness and long winter nights found the country man and his family reading by the little glass lamp of grand father's time.

A good fairy who loved those who lived "next nature's heart," with his magic wand invented a lighting system that turned into a labor saver as well. Two of these wonderful things are the Delco Lighting and Western Electric systems. Now this busy servant has gone into the homes of the country side and transformed them into a town residence with all the modern conveniences and none of the draw backs of a city dwellig. The busy house wife turns on the current Monday morning, and the family wash is soon hanging on the line like the pictures the ad of a washing powder. Tuesday, if so inclined the electric iron, is brought off the shelf and the ironing is finisned in a jiffy. Wednesday is sweeping day and the "Missus" hooks the contraption to the vacuum sweeper and lo that job is done. Churning that task little Johnny hides from, is dispatched quickly.

And even "old Jersey" is given a drink from an electrically driven pump. Dish washing is a pleasure because they have by turning a tap—hot and cold water. A perfectly appointed bath room also contributes to their comfort and pleasure. Recently another good feature has been added, an ice machine that makes ice at home.

In the evening, the family gather round the big table where lessons are learned, games are played and mother with her book and father with his newspaper spend the evening.

As time for retiring arrives and the stock are given a good night inspection; a button is turned on at the kitchen door and the current speeds on it's way to light up the ghostly corner of the big barn. Shadows that caused shivers to chase up and down the small boy's spine are banished. Light the harbinger of hope has chased the gloom away.

The Western Electric system with Olen Turner as agent reports the following sales; Oklaunion and Harrold schools, J. B. Belcher of Odell, and Godfrey Streit.

C. M. Ladd, district sales manager for the Delco System has sold the following plants in the county: A. M. Bourland, Fletcher sisters, B. H. Lewis, General Auto Supply Company, W. A. Walker, Rex Boyd, H. M. King, C. L. King, W. F. Houtchins, Mrs. T. H. Holloway, P. H. Bingham, Mrs J. C. More, W. T. Hutchins, Adam Donges, Roscoe Rainwater, Will Parrish, R. A. Boyles, Farmers Union Gin at Rayland, J. H. Ayres, Bourland Consolidated School, T. B. Bourland, Mrs. I. M. Smith, Jones & Wiggins, S. B. Starr, G. L. Waggoner, Frank Flynn, Mrs. Electra Wharton, E. P. Waggoner, J. F. White, W. B. Germany, W. B. Covert, J. P. Starr, J. F. Gregory, A. D. Anderson, T. M. Haney, I. G. Showers, Doc Vaughn, A. H. Vaughn, Dr. J. C. King, E. T. Smith, F. N. Dennis, C. M. Kester, L. G. Hamilton, Mrs. O. H. Muller, S. W. Gable, H. W. Gray, J. M. King, Wilson Drug Company, G. A. Shultz, W. M. McCaleb, Clyde Muller, E. Bourland, R. P. King, J. R. Caldwell, W. S. Bourland, R. E. Harrell, T. Bodling, W. M. Schur, C. L. Green, Christian Church at Oklaunion.

IF A HAMMER WON'T DO IT, PERHAPS A SONG WILL

W. D. Smithson and S. J. Lynch are engaged in repairing automobiles and operating a machine shop on the east side of the square. The firm carries a line of hardware suitable for the repair of the rough parts of cars.

Mr. Smithson is a former resident of Hillsboro, but has spent most of his time in later years in this county. Mr. Lynch has been engaged in mechanical work for many years. "Mike" he is familiarly known about town, and his tenor voice of unusual quality can almost drown out the pneumatic hammer in his hands.

ALL READY TO RE-TIRE YOU AT ONCE

Here is the General Auto Supply o., formerly owned by R. W. Farrell and Herb Thompson, but now owned by Farrell alone. Thompson is seen on the left, Farrell in the center, and Roy Thompson on the right.

NASH ESTABLISHES CLIMBING RECORD

NEGOTIATES CALIFORNIA HILL TWENTY SECONDS UNDER FORMER TIME

According to a telegram received by R. E. Hanks from California, the Nash Six holds the famous Palomar hill climbing record.

The message from California read that a stock sport model, previously driven 6,800 miles in four weeks, broke the record of ten years' standing from the foot of Palomar Mountain to Bailey Hotel, a distance of 12.7 miles. The time was 34 minutes 40 seconds, on a raise of nearly 5,000 feet. In one stretch of eight miles there are eighty sharp turns.

The former record established in 1912, by a car, stripped to the chassis, was 35 minutes. Twenty cars since have attempted unsuccessfully to lower that record. It had come to be regarded as unbeatable until William Halbritter, owner of a Nash sport model, expressed a firm conviction that a Nash Six would "outstrip anything on four wheels on any hill in the country."

Told To Break Record.

"Then climb Palomar Hill," he was told. So the climb was arranged. Halbritter placed Walter Folcke at the wheel, his only instruction being to "break the record."

The official report of the run relates that although the roads were bad after seven inches of rain on the mountain, the start was made, and the record established. The car had its top up and carried three passengers.

THERE'S A FELLOW NAMED LEAK UP THE STREET WHO CAN FIX IT

The Vernon Storage Battery Company, owned by James W. Leak and A. H. Newsom, was established at the present location on E. Wilbarger street in 1916. Mr. Leak moved here from Odell where he engaged in the garage business. The Leak family came to Wilbarger in 1888, and since that time has resided in this county.

This firm handles the Prestolite and Philadelphia batteries, and repair starters and generators. It also carries a complete line of electrical supplies. The personnel of the firm consists of the managers and owners, and H. W. Banner, John Wilbanks and S. H. Leak.

MAXWELL COMPANY PROMISES SURPRISE

NEW SERIES IS SAID TO HAVE AROUSED ENTHUSIASM WHEREVER SHOWN

The reception accorded the New Series of the Good Maxwell in Detroit, where more than 4,000 people visited the show room of the Thompson Auto Company the first day the cars were on exhibition and several thousand more viewed the cars during the following week, is being duplicated in every part of the country.

Reports coming into the general offices of the Maxwell Motor Corporation indicate that the new series has aroused a most intense enthusiasm in each city where they have been shown. Not since the earlier days of the industry when changes in models were regarded as real events, has the same interest been shown.

Details Are Complete.

Comment is, naturally, on the pronounced beauty of the New Series and a marked impression is made by their completeness, particularly the attention to detail which is exhibited in the interior fittings of the four passenger Coupe and Sedan. But the open cars have by no means suffered in comparison and much favorable comment has been expressed regarding their trim design, handsome appearance and the numerous innovations which set them apart.

In both Chicago and New York thousands of people visited the show rooms and attendance records for a showing of cars was broken in Cleveland, Toledo, Buffalo and in other cities.

BATTERY REVIVERS USUALLY FALSE

PATRON PAYS FANCY PRICE FOR EXCEEDINGLY POOR SERVICE

In the old days, gasoline economizers were quite in style with the get-rich-quick fiends. They were much more common than they are now. One could buy them in powder, tablet or liquid form and probably administer them in homeopathic or allopthic doses—for the effect was just the same.

As long as the car owner was very careful to have the carbon removed from the engine cylinders, the valves ground and the carburetor adjusted, and then apply the so-called economizer to the fuel tank, he was certain to get greater mileage per gallon of gasoline. And no wonder!

The same thing applies to the present day storage battery 'rejuvenators," "recharging solutions," and what not, that are being sold as mysterious compounds and wonderful discoveries which recharge your storage battery in twenty minutes. Any battery service station can do the same thing by doping a batery with strong acid—but they know the harmful effect of such treatment.

Public Is Duped.

The surprising thing is the willingness of many people to pay fabulous prices, $3 to $5 being asked for a single application of these dopes when most storage battery service stations would do the same thing for 25 cents.

There is nothing mysterious about pouring strong acid solution into a discharged battery and having it operate in twenty or thirty minutes afterwards. Any service station can do that, but the normal way to recharge a battery is to pass a current of electricity through it and avoid injuring it or shortening its life. The quick way is to pay $3 to $5 for about 25 cents' worth of strong acid—and then suffer the consequences.

SEES BRIGHT PROSPECT.

Sales For Past Eighteen Months Give Rosy Tinge To Future For R. E. Hanks.

R. E. Hanks, manager of the Nash-Vernon Company, is optimistic over the outlook of the automobile industry, and especially Nash sales in Vernon. This agency was established two years ago and has occupied its present quarters on Cumberland street for the past eighteen months.

Twenty-eight Nash cars have been sold to satisfied customers in the past eighteen months, which is undoubtedly a splendid showing. A new model on display at the show rooms is considered the finest automobile ever designed by Nash. The features of the Greater Nash Six consist of a new straight line body finished in the beautiful high lustre Nash blue, new and lower top with large rectangular window in rear, lowered front seat with broader cushions and a more spacious compartment, lower shield, door handles of bright silver on outside of car, pocket in left front door for tool case and rear doors of increased size giving easier egress and ingress to car.

Other added features are parking lights on cowl, and an accurate gasoline gauge on dash. This feature, it is claimed, is possessed by few other cars. A powerful emergency brake is attached to the drum behind the transmission. The car is also equipped with specially designed easy riding springs and the Delco ignition and lighting system used.

A cork drilled cleanly through the center makes a neat joint for a broken gasoline pipe on a motor-cycle. The two broken ends of the pipe are stuck into opposite ends of the cork.

LIGHT and POWER ON THE FARM

Have you ever stopped to consider the comfort and convenience of ELECTRICITY on the FARM. Use it to LIGHT YOUR HOME and to SPEED UP YOUR WORK, as well as to relieve you of the drudgery of the daily tasks. There is a

Delco Light Plant

for EVERY NEED in the World—from lighting the smallest cottage to providing ELECTRICITY for a WHOLE TOWN. You can have an ICELESS REFRIGERATOR operated by a DELCO-LIGHT Plant, as well as any number of other conveniences which it provides. Come in and let us show you HOW USEFUL a DELCO can be.

Prices from $250 to $1675

C. M. Ladd, Dealer

Vernon, Texas

NASH

New Year Greeting

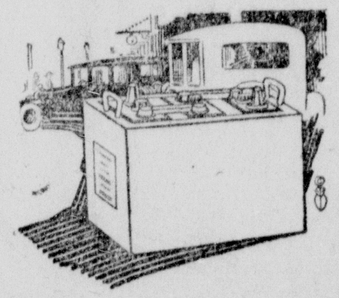
We take this occasion to extend New Year Greetings to our Customers and Friends, and solicit a continuance of your patronage during 1922.

We are moving to the Shive Building on North Main Street—just being vacated by the Hupmobile Sales and Service Agency. This will give us a more convenient location, and we will be in better position to serve you.

Inquire about our New Prices on Nash Automobiles — the greatest value ever offered.

Nash-Vernon Co.

R. E. Hanks, Manager



BATTERIES

Prest-O-Lite Battery Service
Philadelphia Diamond Grid Batteries.

Your batteries are an important part of your Automobile. Cold weather is a dangerous time to neglect your Batteries.

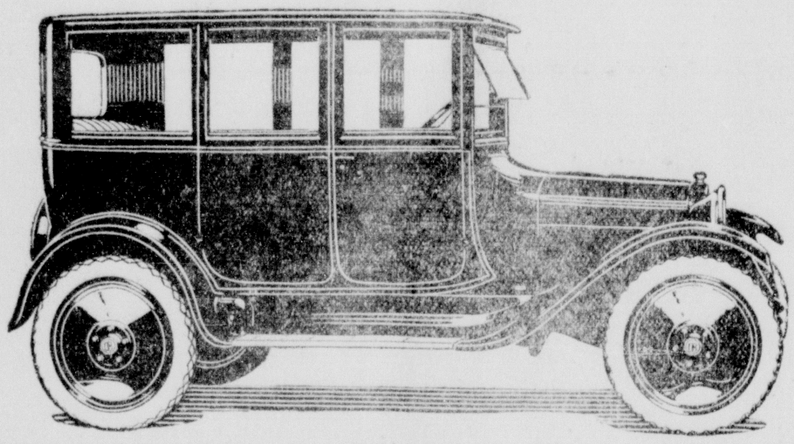
Another battery is furnished you at a small cost while yours is being charged.

The trouble with your car is usually found to be run-down batteries. Have them re-charged and see the difference.

"Happy New Year"

Vernon Storage Battery Co.

East Wilbarger Street.



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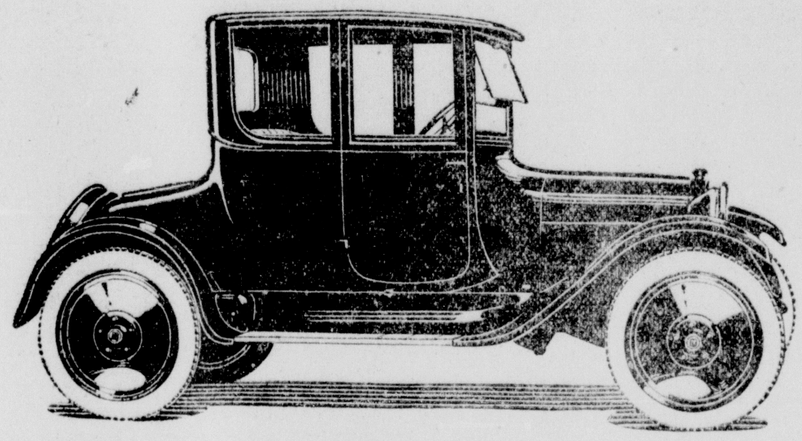
4 DOOR SEDAN



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COUPE

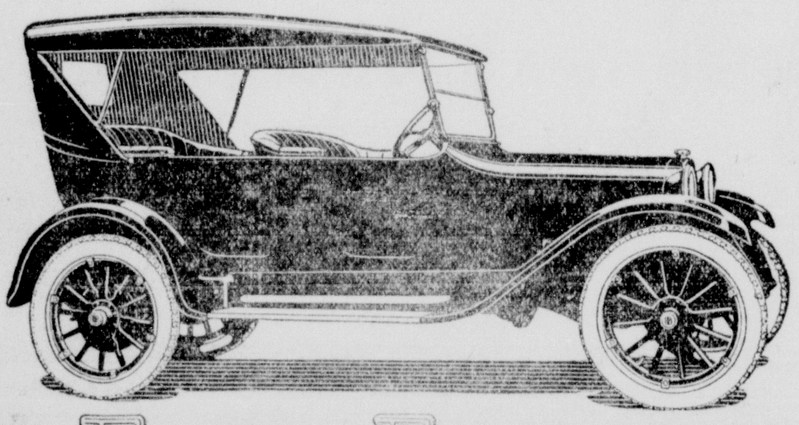
NO MANUFACTURER has endeavored to give the public more for their money than has Dodge Brothers in their excellent products.

We are endeavoring to make 1922 a prosperous year by giving full value for every dollar spent with us.

The price of cars has been substantially reduced, as well as the price of parts, and a great deal of quality has been added.

Our service has been reduced and the standard of quality increased by maintaining the most efficient and capable personnel that can be obtained.

Wishing prosperity and happiness to all—



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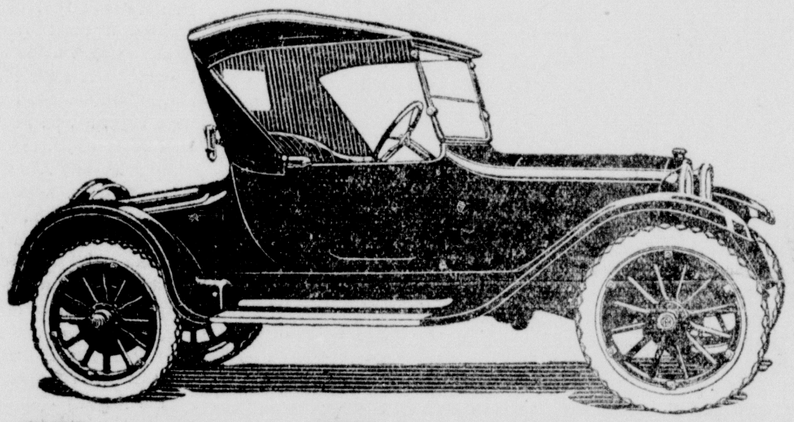
MOTOR CAR



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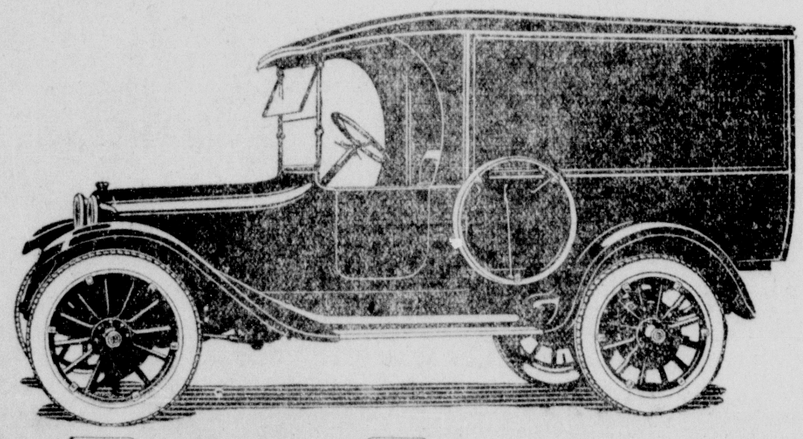

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BUSINESS CAR

J. A. McFALL

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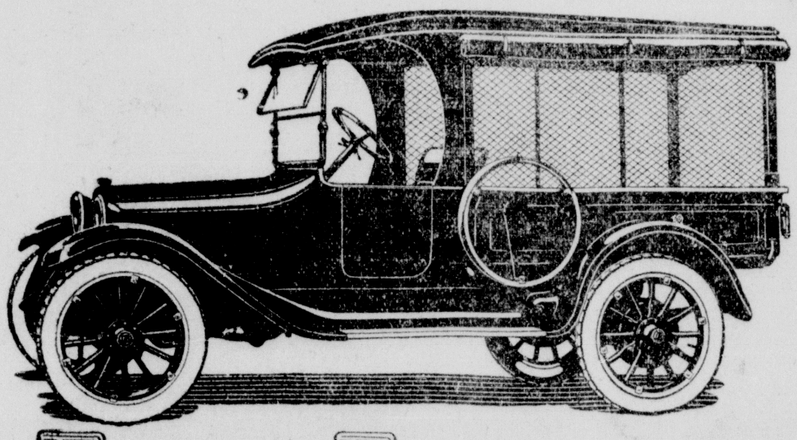


DODGE BROTHERS
BUSINESS CAR

Telehone 444

330 North Main St.

OKLAUNION BEGINS WITH JOE WRIGHT AS POSTMASTER

Name of Town Designated Union Between Lone Star State and Oklahoma—Founder Departs When Railroad Fails to Arrive—Pioneers Still Live in Section—Came Without Families.

November 22, 1888, the Fort Worth & Denver established a right of way at Oklaunion although there was a settlement of people there before that time. In the fall of 1889 Joe Wright, who occupied a dugout at that place, decided that as one railroad had already arrived and another bid fair to come, the settlement would be a second Harrold, which at that time promised to be a city. So he, of great faith, decided to start a town.

The railroad in question at that time was to have been one running from north to south and known as the Cattle Trail road. At one time it had been staked through Doans, and was supposed to wend its way over Texas along the same path traveled by countless thousands of cattle on what was known as the Dodge City trail.

Name Designates Union.

As a means of designating the union of the two states, "Buckskin Joe" Wright named the new young town Oklaunion, Texas, a union between the sooner state and the Lone Star empire. The department accepted this name and Buckskin Joe became the first postmaster at that place.

The town not coming up to his expectations on account of the non-appearance of the new railroad, Buckskin Joe departed for greener pastures and afterwards attempted to start a town site at Navajoe, near the Navajoe mountains in Oklahoma. He was a born advertiser and wagon load after wagon load of new settlers passed through this county anxiously inquiring the way to "Navajoe, Greer county." Their pronunciation of the new town there was nearly as accurate as the pronunciation of Mexia by the oil men who flock to this new Eldorado.

Movement Continues.

Others took up the burden that had slipped off the shoulders of Buckskin Joe and men of dependability settled in and near the little village. Baptists built a church there in the early days and it still stands in the village, though unused at present. Rev. J. T. Hosmer, Methodist minister, held services there also.

A two story hotel was erected along about boom days and was presided over by a Mr. Tucker. P. M. Morris, deciding that a lumber yard would yield handsome returns, brought a branch of his Harrold plant to this place. Mr. Butler was manager of this yard. Mr. Morris lives in Vernon today.

Teacher From "Sticks."

The first school master was Prof. Dunnagin and came from the "sticks." He was a good teacher and well liked by all. In 1897, Lon Byars moved from his farm to the little town to educate his children. He spent two years there and since that time he or some of his children have engaged in business there. Mr. Byars at present lives in Vernon.

Some of the early settlers were C. C. King, an uncle of the King brothers of that place. Mr. Abbott, who had a general merchandise store there first in that place, D. L. Greene, who lives in Vernon, J. P. King, president of the First Guaranty Bank of Vernon, and Dr. Dr. T. A. King of this city.

I. M. Smith a Pioneer.

I. M. Smith, a native of Kentucky, came to this county in 1894 and with his family lived near Harrold for two years. He then moved to his farms near Oklaunion, where his family lives today in a handsome brick home on a six section wheat farm. Mr. Smith died in 1915 but as a successful farmer and business man helped to put the Oklaunion country on the map agriculturally. Part of this fine place is rented, but most of it is managed by Ed T. Smith, a son.

The King Bank & Mercantile Company erected the first brick buildings at this place and at present the building is occupied by the two grocery stores of Ben Scheluchin, and Clay Brite. Mr. Brite is the present postmaster. The First Guaranty Bank occupies the west side of the building.

Kings Real Monarchs.

The King Brothers sold their holdings and in later years have confined themselves to farming their 2,500 acres. Dr. J. C. King, and Dr. Tom King of Harrold and Vernon respectively, are the exceptions. The other five, Bass, Hugh, Mout, Roy and Ulyss are putting down a test well for oil within a half mile of Oklaunion.

Lon Byars, of whom mention has been made before, moved to this section of the county in 1879 and owns 1,002 acres of alfalfa and wheat land west of the town. Mr. Byars is an advocate of cotton. He thinks that without this crop that the schools would never have amounted to much at this place.

Families Were Scarce.

The large wheat farms were owned at first by men who "bached" and children were few and far between. After some of the farms were planted to cotton, more people were needed to till the soil and as families arived the children of course, made the schools.

Western towns in those days were noted for their many saloons; but Oklaunion, surprisingly enough, was never awarded that doubtful honor.

PIONEERS DISCOVER WEALTH IN COUNTY

TEAM OF HORSES SELECTS SITE OF HOME FOR H. A. BELL AND FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bell, living four miles from Odell in the Pleasant Valley community, are sitting back enjoying the fruits of their labors as pioneers in a western country. Undismayed by sand storms, drouths and floods, they have stayed on and great has been the reward.

In August 1883 they drove up in front of the site of their future home. The family in wagons had made a long journey from Dallas county. Undecided where to go they let the horses take their course and as they headed west they drove on until they were ready to stop. Here they have remained until this day, and still rejoice at their decision.

Constructs Dugout.

Mr. Bell, assisted by his oldest sons, at once dug a two room dugout and prepared for the winter months. The family occupied this two room shelter until twenty-six years ago, when they erected their present home of eight rooms. A few years later they added two more rooms.

Have Attractive Home.

The house is situated a short distance from the road in a splendid grove of black locusts and is one of the best residences in that part of the county. At the rear of the home are large barns erected seventeen years ago to protect the stock and house the bumper crops raised on the place.

Most persons, following the custom of the country, leave their implements where they finish using them. Not so with Mr. Bell and his sons. Seven years ago they built an implement house and in it is stored all the farm machinery when crop time is over.

Plants Wood Supply.

Twenty-five acres of their land is in orchard. Here the well-known Elbertas of the sandy land grow. Fifteen acres is in alfalfa and makes a splendid yield. In this county locusts grow like black eyed peas, and Mr. Bell, taking advantage of the fact, has planted eight acres in these trees which furnish him with wood.

The Bells use a tractor and eighteen head of horses to cultivate their 1,780 acre farm, and also own their own binders and thresher to harvest their crops.

Donate Home For School.

Realizing the need of a school in that community, Mr. and Mrs. Bell gave the use of one room of their dugout for a school house. Later, the pupils becoming great enough in numbers a school house was erected on the Pleasant Valley site. For years and even now this place is designated as Bell's school house.

Great revivals have been held here in years gone by, but now the Methodists hold services on a corner of Mr. Bell's land not far from the home of the pioneer.

Was First Teacher.

Miss Gabie E. Betts, now Mrs. Gabie Betts Burton, teacher in the Clarendon College and writer on religious subjects, taught the first school at this place.

Mrs. Belle Holloway, who at that time was Miss Hull taught three years here. Mrs. Holloway now lives at Odell. Miss Ethel Phillips was also an early teacher at Bell's.

Professor Elihu Dockery and sister, Miss Mary Dockery, are the present teachers.

One Son A Minister.

Six sons are living and Fladger, Roy and Sebe work on this tract of land. Arthur at present is in Quanah, although he also farms his own land here.

Walter was recently ordained a minister in the Baptist church and is in school at Fort Worth. Lloyd is in Colorado. The youngest son, Sebe, who recently married Miss Coffey of Dallas, lives at the home place with his parents.

Soil Prolific.

Twenty-four 500 pound bales were produced this year by Mr. Bell and his sons. In fact, twenty acres produced each 585 pounds of cotton. This crop ginned thirty-eight per cent lint, a remarkable yield.

It was grown in sandy land soil and planted late in May. A rain in June provided practically all of the moisture. The fields were cultivated three times and given no extra attention.

Excellent Yield On Strip.

On the same strip of land there has been produced sixty-five bushels of oats and twenty-eight bushels of wheat to the acre. Eighty bushels to the acre in oats is the best record thus far on the farm.

The H. A. Bell place is located eighteen miles west of Vernon, and four miles east of Odell.

WOULD NOT SELL AT ANY PRICE

J. R. ROSS WON'T EVEN PUT VALUATION ON PRODUCTIVE FARM

Three hundred and twenty acres of some of the finest land in Wilbarger county lie about sixteen miles north of Vernon. J. R. Ross of Odell owns this productive tract, and when questioned as to what he would accept as a purchase price candidly replied, "I wouldn't think of selling." Thus, indirectly but none the less forcibly, Mr. Ross has placed his value upon the land.

On between 130 and 140 acres this year ninety-six bales of cotton were produced. One hundred and six loads of corn were grown on the place this season. No wheat was sown for 1921, but in 1919 there was harvested thirty-two bushels to the acre.

Is Sandy Loam.

The soil is sandy loam, and every foot is productive. Mr. Ross rents out the place to two families, H. P. Killett and R. H. Moroney. Maroney came recently from Denton county practically penniless, and the past year purchased all his feed, supplied good and sufficient food for his family, bought an automobile, a span of mules, a piano, and various other necessities and even luxuries.

Mr. Ross came to this county thirty years ago. He rented land in 1902, and finally obtained the present rich 320 acres at $9.50 an acre. Its worth today is more than twelve times that amount.

Battendorf & Battendorf
CHIROPRACTORS
If you are sick investigate, results are what you want.
Rooms 6-7—Denny Bldg.
Lady Attendant
Phones—Office 598—Residence 103

To My Friends and Customers

This is to express my Sincere Thanks to you for the Splendid Patronage you all have given me the past year. I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Always remember that I am ready to do your Painting and Papering.

I have a fine line of 1922 wall paper samples to select from.

Chas. Withers
Painter and Paperhanger
Phone 477

GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR

We would feel ungrateful if we did not take occasion to Thank our Friends and Customers of 1921 for the MOST VALUABLE of all gifts—their patronage. For 1922 we wish you Prosperity, Peace and Friends without number.

Our New Year Resolve

These stores are RESOLVED TO SERVE YOU even more efficiently during 1922 than in the past. You may be sure of always obtaining from us Prompt and Courteous Service, Groceries of the highest Quality, and a Conscientious Effort to MERIT a Continuation of YOUR PATRONAGE.

Massie-Vernon Grocery Co.
'Phones 619 and 721

Massie-Wright Grocery Co.
'Phones 47 and 747

FAITHFUL THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

—This bank has always bent its efforts toward SERVING the largest possible number of customers in the most constructive and helpful way.

—It has never wavered from its policy of absolute SAFETY, its adherence to the SOUNDEST BANKING PRINCIPLES, and its sincere desire to serve a larger circle of firms and individuals from year to year.

—We take this occasion to wish our FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS a Happy New Year; and to PLEDGE AGAIN OUR FAITH IN WILBARGER COUNTY.

WAGGONER NATIONAL BANK

Robert Houssels, President.
L. G. Hawkins, Active Vice-President.
W. O. Anderson, Vice- President.
T. H. Shive, Vice-President.
L. E. Piper, Cashier
S. C. Hogsett, Assistant Cashier.
W. H. Huggins, Assistant Cashier
H. O. Colley, Assistant Cashier
E. Norwood, Assistant Cashier

HARROLD A BOOM TOWN WHEN FIRST TRAIN ARRIVES

Excursion Comes From Wichita Falls and Much Excitement Attends Bidding for Lots—Settlement Springs Up at Once—Personnel of Those Who Lived There in Old Days.

Harrold ranked as a boom town from the date of the arrival of the Fort Worth & Denver, in 1885. In June, 1885, the first excursion on that road came into the new town site. For site at that time was all there was.

The excursion came up from Wichita Falls, and had been well advertised by those interested in selling lots. The train was so crowded that it was necessary that the passengers walk up from the water tank as the engine could not make the grade with all aboard.

Led By Band.

A brass band headed the procession into the prospective city and did yeoman service. Early that morning, to add to the excitement of the occasion a man bathing in the new railroad tank was drowned.

Divers went down after the body but failed to locate it. Finally some men went down on China creek to a Mr. Ogle's place and borrowed a rake. They tied ropes to this implement and fished the unfortunate man out.

Bid For Lots.

As soon as the special train arrived the fun of bidding on the town lots started. These lots, on a bald prairie sold from $100 to $1,000, and the excitement was as great as if a gusher had just come in, or a gold rush was on.

That night stores in tents sold goods over their counters, and saloons housed in the same kind of shelter offered liquid refreshments over the bar.

True, a few courageous souls had settled there in expectation of the railroad's arrival, but the main army arrived when the big excursion from Wichita Falls came marching into town.

Byars Finds Buyer.

Lon Byars, for many years a resident of this county, assisted by his brother, the morning of the boom killed an antelope and sold it to some "tender foot" for $25.

Saloons flourished and in August of 1885, thirteen had started business there. This number soon was swelled to sixteen, and after that one of the old timers claims to have lost count.

The grave yard at Harrold was started by the "planting" of prominent citizens of that place "who died with their boots on." George Cramner, a notorious man of the west, was killed there by a ranger during the boom and was brought back to a more peaceful place for burial at Doans.

Some Of The Early Ones.

A. J. Shayne, proprietor of a progressive business firm of Harrold in the early days, announces in his advertisement that you will find him on Main street two blocks from the depot, where he sells dry goods as cheap as could be bought anywhere."

J. E. Cobb, an enterprising confectioner of that city, was found at no. 9 Front street.

Dr. S. S. Sumpter, physician and surgeon, was found over Ramsey's Drug store. An other drug store was that of C. E. McComas & Company.

D. C. Milan sold feed of all kinds and flour and bran " as a special inducement."

Fred Ripps was a manufacturer and dealer in Texas and California saddles, harness, bridles and spurs. In the four page special edition of the Vernon Guard in 1886 he is the only advertiser that has a cut of any kind to show what was sold with the exception of owners of brands on cattle.

Mr. Ripps was a famous saddle maker and his wares were known all over the west. When boom days were over, the leather man went with C. J. Green & Company to Quanah where he worked several years. He then went back to Wichita Falls.

From Vernon To Harrold $1.50.

The U. S. Livery stables had stands at Wichita Falls, Harrold and Vernon. Mr. Soule was manager at Wichita Falls, Oscar Holman at Harrold and Chas Lockwood at Vernon. The Company also operated the mail lines from Wichita Falls to Seymour and Archer City. The fare at that time over the routes was $2.50 round trip or $1.50 single fare from Vernon to Harrold. Mr. Holman, who died several years ago, also had a livery stable in the early nineties. His son Oscar Holman still lives in Vernon. Mr. Lockwood now lives in the east, but visited Vernon three months ago.

The livery business at that time was a veritable gold mine as cow boys and clerks kept the buggies and horses on the go night and day. True, horses did not last long but they were cheap and there were plenty of them to supply the demand.

Hardware at Harrold.

Two hardware stores, Anthony & Swartwood, and C. J. Green & Company, advertised in the Vernon Guard their large stocks of hardware, stoves, agricultural implements, McCormick reapers and binders, Garden city plows, and Deering binders. J. L. Swartwood lives in Vernon and the hardware firm of that name here was founded by him. The junior partner of Green & Company, Martin Stowdy, a traveling salesman now for a hardware company in Chicago, sells goods in Vernon.

Mr. Stowdy says that gambling ran wide open and lawlessness flourished until it was necessary to call in the rangers. Saloons and dance halls were the only places for entertainment at that time and cow boys shot up the town nightly.

Shoots Out Windows.

Mr. Swartwood in speaking of the late but not lamented George Cramner says that one day the "Hon. George," full of firewater and out for mischief, happened to notice his modest little hardware store. He gravely rode up and took a good look at it. Unfortunately something about the lighting displeased him, so he drew his forty-five and raked the glass out of both front windows. After he had "slept it off" he returned and paid the owner for the damage to his building.

That was an unwritten law of the west. No one ever failed to pay for the damage inflicted on his neighbor's property when sobered up and told how naughty he had behaved. If anyone was killed, that was a different matter.

For instance, Will Griffin in his camp on Wanderers creek while in a playful mood shot and killed three companions at one shot. He was placed in jail but was soon bailed out and freed with a small fine because the deed was done in the spirit of fun and not with malace of forethought.

Burying A Specialty.

Fakes & Company of Fort Worth had a branch house at Harrold and in their advertisement in the Vernon Guard of 1886 emphasize the fact that they sell coffins and carpets and "undertaking is a specialty." It is no wonder for their services were needed nearly every day.

The Windsor House was the big hotel of the city. Meals served there cost $1.25 per person. The rules of the house forbade men to eat without a coat. Should one be so unlucky as not to possess a coat, the obliging clerk loaned one. Turkey red table cloths with fringed napkins of the same hue adorned the long tables. Absence of screens added to the exercises if not the comfort of the guests.

This was remedied, however, by the installation of fly brushes suspended over the tables and worked by a cord in the hand of some husky youth. The flies soon learned this and took many a ride on the new merry-go-round.

Had It On Top.

J. F. Cain supplied the town of Harrold with ice and states in an advertisement of April 1886 that he "can supply all other neighboring towns with the same commodity." He also sold beer in large quantities, the 6 or 7 per cent kind, "imported, bottled, and keg domestic," so his ad reads.

Appleby and English were land agents and surveyors as also were H. A. Lewis, and J. M. Thompson. In fact, real estate men were nearly as thick there as "lease hounds" are in an oil country.

Mr. English remained near Harrold long after the other agents folded their tents. Later when the boom struck Lawton, Okla. in 1902, he went there.

Sold 'Em Pine Boarding.

The Mayfield Lumber Company and William Cameron Lumber Company both were on the "ground floor" at the new town. One citizen of that place states that he bought lumber from them for $7.50 per thousand feet. Until these firms moved on as the railroad did, the citizens of Wilbarger and Greer counties as well as other western counties, lived in dug outs and log houses. The first dwelling erected in Wilbarger was made of pickets stuck upright in the ground and chinked with mud. The roof was dirt covered and the floor was of the same material.

Robinson Brothers & Company was the first wholesale grocery company in Harrold and did a thriving business. Before that time goods were hauled from Gainesville, in Cook county, and Wichita Falls. Up to that time freight was hauled in wagons from Cook county. This firm also sold at retail.

Pioneer Dry Goods Merchant.

O. P. Wood & Company was one of the dry goods firms of that place. Mr. Wood was a brother to Dr. B. K. Wood of Vernon, who was among one of the first to establish that kind of business in the lower Panhandle.

Like all progressive western towns, Harrold was not complete without the ever present news paper. Will Doak pulled the old Washington press for this breezy little sheet. B. Wilson Edgell, editor of "The Guard," often went down into the land of shootin' arms and returned with his scalp and page ads from the business men of that city. They were liberal advertisers in those days.

F. N. Davis ran a wagon yard at Harrold in boom times and at one time in the early days had a yard in Vernon. In fact, Mr. Davis owned wagon yards all over this new country and was very successful. He owned lots in every new town of any note on the Fort Worth & Denver. He is now in business at Mangum, Okla.

C. W. Israel & Company from Illinois conducted a private banking business at Harrold with a capitalization of $25,000. The firm owned a bank at Henrietta.

No Churches Erected.

It is said that no churches were erected in the town of Harrold during the boom, though Rev. J. T. Hosmer, a circuit rider of the Methodist church, held services there as did a Baptist minister.

Some of the early business men and farmers were: J. P. Bennett, W. R. Piper, D. H. Vaughn, John Hale, R. Cobb, I. M. Smith, P. M. Morris, L. E. Piper, Nick Piper, E. F. Piper, Anderson Smith, C. A. Allingham, John Showers, Dewey Morris, Ollie Morris, John Morris, Sam Kelly, Albert Mason, C. B. Mason, Ira Showers, and P. H. Robinson.

OWNS ELEVEN SECTIONS.

George B. Ancell One Of The Largest Ranchers In This Part Of The State.

George B. Ancell, living seven miles south of Electra, typifies the ranching interests of Wilbarger. He owns eleven sections of land, partly in Wichita and partly in this county.

Mr. Ancel raises black poll cattle, and has been a resident of this section since 1886. On an average of 1,000 head of cattle are kept on his extensive holdings.

LADD & ADAMS
TAILORS
215 E. Pease Phone 417

HIS PLUCK WINS HIM A FORTUNE

C. D. SHELTON CAME TO COUNTY ON PONY AND NOW IS LARGE LANDOWNER

C. D. Shelton of Odell is a worthy example of the guerdon to be won through perseverance and pluck in farming. Laboring, trading, using painstaking effort on all occasion, he has progressed from a forlorn individual who came to this locality on a pony, to an established land owner with two sections in Wilbarger and 3,000 broad acres in Beckham county, Oklahoma.

Mr. Shelton rented 100 acres in 1892 and sowed it in wheat. There straightway came storms which blew out the grain on all but sixteen acres. This tract produced sixteen bushels to the acre. Ten cents a bushel was paid for threshing one-third of a bushel went to the landowner, and the bushel itself sold for twenty-five cents. With this munificent encouragement—Mr. Shelton stayed on.

Cotton Proves Backbone.

He finally traded an interest in thirteen head of cattle for an interest in one-half section of land. Some of this he owns today. Cotton has been his principle crop, although he has met with marked succes in raising corn and alfalfa.

Today this progresive farmer owns between 100 and 150 head of livestock, and has raised some registered animals. He has used what may aptly be termed "common gray matter" in the methods he employs in getting ahead. Mr. Shelton, who planted some of the first cotton in the county, put none in the ground the past year because he possesed a surplus from the year before.

His renters, however, planted 500 acres. Crops this year have been mainly wheat and corn, the latter producing fifteen bushels per acre. Two thousand pounds of meat have been cured by this industrious farmer and his family.

Married By C. F. Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton were married on Christmas Day, 1898 by C. F. Doan, then justice of the peace. Mrs. Shelton was Miss Ada Holloway, daughter of T. H. Holloway on whose land the town of Odell was built.

Mr. Shelton is a firm believer in diversification. He credits any amount of success he has met with in obeying the principle of rotating his crops, and believes it is sure to bring results.

MAY the New Year bring you Peace, Prosperity and Contentment.

NED CURTIS

"LET ME MAKE YOUR OLD SHOES LAST LONGER"

New Year Greeting

To our Friends and Customers we extend BEST WISHES for the New Year. You will find us in the same old location, with the best of EQUIPMENT and WORKMEN to do all of your repair work.

Lowke Brothers

Pease and Fannin Streets

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Resolved:

That we will give the best service that is possible to give during the coming year in doling out that FAMOUS BRAND of INSURANCE THAT INSURES.

We appreciate your trade and the MORE YOU TRADE the more we appreciate. Our supply of appreciation is unlimited.

In making your resolutions, kindly point some of them in our direction.

Yours for a goodyear

Office Phone 257
Residence Phone 221
Waggoner National Bank Building

C. S. McColloch
(Old Mc)

We Believe in Vernon

The W. E. Thomas Lumber Company believes in Vernon and Wilbarger County. We believe that the DEVELOPMENT of this Town and County are limited only by the Energy, Determination, and Pull-Together Spirit of every citizen; and that no other place in Texas offers the Farmer or Business Man greater opportunities than may be found right here.

NEW YEAR GREETING

We take this occasion to thank our Friends and Customers for business during 1921 and to wish Every One Peace and Prosperity for 1922—and suggest that

One Good New Year Resolution

Would be a determination to Own Your Home another year. We maintain a complete stock of building materials. In addition, we strive to SERVE OUR CUSTOMERS by advising with them on all building problems presented to us. It is our pleasure to help you.

W. E. Thomas Lbr. Co.

Vernon, Texas.

PROMINENT FIRM HAS MODEST START

J. L. SWARTWOOD LOADED GOODS ON FLAT CAR AND CAME HERE IN 1886

Businesses have been started on shoe strings 'tis said, and tall oaks from little acorns grow has also been cited, but the business of Swartwood & Company had its beginning in a little tin shop where now stands the double brick building of this company.

The fall of 1886 after the railroad reached Vernon, Mr. Swartwood loaded his small stock of tin goods and hardware on a flat car and pulled out from Harrold for the new boom town on the Pease.

Lot Rented For $6.

He rented a lot where the Fergeson Drug Company now stands for six dollars a month, erected a shop and started in. In 1893, he sold out and moved to his present location, erecting a corrugated iron structure 20 by 30 feet. Here he had his tin shop and added a small stock of hardware. Ten years later, he erected the first brick. In 1907 he put up another brick as his business grew. Mr. Swartwood claims to have made the first metal tubs in existence.

Mr. Swartwood's business expanded so rapidly that in 1910 he persuaded W. A. Lane to come into the firm and help take care of it.

New Partners.

In 1918, J. E. Collins and George J. Mason bought in this firm. Mr. Collins still retains his partnership in this growing concern, but in 1920 C. S. Rutledge of Tolbert took over Mr. Mason's interest.

The business is of necessity divided into departments. The office force consists of W. A. Lane as manager with George James as bookkeeper and Miss Texas Coffee as cashier and stenographer. Here all the routine business is handled.

J. L. Swartwood, J. E. Collins, C. S. Rutledge, and J. V. Roberts have charge of the hardware department which is subdivided into general hardware, heavy hardware, stoves and ranges, glass ware and queensware cutlery and silverware, poultry and dairy supplies, sporting goods, guns and ammunitions, mill supplies, belts and pulleys, kitchen supplies in aluminum, tin and granite, paints, oils and varnishes, wind mills, gasoline engines, pumps and pumpers.

Is Well Equipped.

The harness and saddlery department with P. M. McKinley and J. D. Buhl: the tin shop with J. R. Burgess and R. E. Spears, and C. F. Swartwood and J. E. Spears as mechanics make up the other divisions of this busy store.

The buildings have a floor space of 16,500 square feet and last year the firm did a tremendous business. It is no exaggeration to assert that Swartwoods have the best arranged and equipped hardware store west of Fort Worth in Texas.

Elliott News.

Elliott, Dec. 29.—(By special correspondence.)—The Elliott Home Demonstration Club met December 26 with Mrs. Alice Snodgrass, 21 members present and 9 visitors. The following program was rendered:

Roll call—Response with scripture verse.

Reading of scripture by Mrs. W. E. Crim.

Song by the club—"Help Somebody Today."

Poem by Mrs. Henderson—"The Gift Scale."

Piano solo by Miss Estelle Kirk.

Reading—Miss Grace Kelly.

Song by Misses Lyda and Ura Wilkerson and Nona Mathews.

Recitation—Sue Gribble.

Violin solo—Miss Grace Kelly.

Reading—Mrs. Joe Boaz.

Piano solo—Miss Ruth Walker of Vernon.

Song by the club—"Somebody."

Recitation—"Encouragement" by Miss Grace Kelly.

Song—"Maggie O'Neal" by Misses Lyda and Ura Wilkerson and Miss Nona Mathews.

Talk by Mrs. W. E. Crim in the good of the order.

After the program there was an election of officers as follows: President, Mrs. Claud Waggoner, vice president Mrs. Joe Boaz, secretary Mrs. E. B. Gillis. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Hobart Rainwater, January 9.

Mrs. John J. Richards of Paducah came in last week to visit her brother, R. B. Gibson and mother, Mrs. M. L. Gibson, here.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Massie and daughter Adonell, Mrs. Anna Witherspoon and daughter, Wenzella and Mrs. Josephine Collins of Wichita Falls arrived Christmas eve for a visit with Mrs. Harry Mason and family.

CLUB MEMBERS WIN PRIZES

Boys and Girls Have Successful Year Under Management of County Agents

Five hundred and five boys and girls joined the various clubs organized by Guy L. Jones and Misses Edith Lacy and Eula Goodfellow during this year.

Two girls, Misses Marie and Vera Collins, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins of Odell, entered the baby beef club with two shorthorn calves.

The pig club had 111 members; the sheep club 3, the dairy calf class boasted of 7 and the baby beef club had 11 members.

Among the grain crops and vegetables are found 14 enrolled for peanuts, 58 for corn, cotton 12, Irish potatoes 3, while the grain sorghums swell the list with, milo maize 48, kaffir corn 28, and feterita 18.

The girls had enrolled in their particular clubs: poultry 110, home improvement 181, and canning 57. The girls in home improvement were taught sewing, to cook everything "from soup to fish", laundry work. Even old-fashioned darning and patching were learned by the up-to-date young women.

At the annual meeting of the short course at the A. & M. college, Miss Ramal Butler of Oklaunion won first prize on sewing, and Miss Vineta Little of Harrold carried off fourth honors in competition with fifty others.

Trips were won during the county fair by ten boys and girls in the various clubs and these were donated by public spirited citizens of the town and county.

Work submitted by Miss Helen Richie of the Wildcat community on sewing, darning and home improvement, brought three first prizes at the State Fair. Miss Ruby January of Haulk neighborhood received first prize on two quarts of canned vegetables at the State Fair.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy and has the same effect on Jill; so July 4th, forty-five girls spent two days at Allingham Park in this city and were entertained by swimming parties, picture shows and sight seeing. Mrs. Phoebe K. Warner from Claude, addressed them and other prominent men and women assisted in their entertainment.

In August the boys' encampment took place at the Fair grounds where they were addressed by prominent men on subjects in which they were interested and also mixed a whole lot of fun into two crowded days.

Guy L. Jones, county agent, resigned and went to Wichita county and Miss Edith Lacy's services were required in faraway New York.

The new county agent, D. P. Chaney, formerly of Foard county, and Miss Eula Goodfellow, home demonstration agent, are planning big things for the boys' and girl's clubs of 1922.

Tolbert, Texas

Tolbert, Dec. 30.—(By special correspondence.)—Mrs. Bellena Cooper, wife of W. V. Cooper died at Chillicothe and was buried at Tolbert, December 15. Rev. R. V. Tooley conducted the funeral services at the Methodist church here.

John Davis, a prominent grain dealer of Chillicothe, died very suddenly, at his home there, December 16 and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at this place. Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Davis was well known at this town having bought grain here for several years.

Rev. R. V. Tooley officiated at two weddings the past week at the parsonage. Saturday evening Buret Rea of Grandfield, Okla. and Miss Ila Pearl Davis of Farmers Valley were married.

Sunday morning Sam Rich and Miss Due Truet of Farmers Valley community were also united in marriage.

Frank Hildebrand and Miss Beulah Burk of the Wildcat community were married at the home of the bride Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Tooley officiating. Only the family and a few close friends of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony.

Jesse Owens a teacher in the schools at Thalia is visiting in Vernon.

Mrs. Allman Pitts and Mrs. W. G. McDonald have been with the Fergeson Drug Company during the Christmas rush.

Mrs. R. R. Wheatley and son Robert of Amarillo are spending the holidays with their cousin, Mrs. A. S. Ross and other relatives.

PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE

"it pays 5 ways"

Sickness, Accident, Permanent Total Disability, Old Age and Death

Dewey Wilson, Dist. Agent

Massie-Wright Building

PERKINS TIMBERLAKE Extends Greetings for the New Year to Friends and Customers. May your enjoyment of Health, Peace and Prosperity be as unending as the days.

As a New Year Resolution, we suggest that the Prosperity of ALL would be multiplied if Wilbarger County would determine to double its production of Poultry, Hogs, and Dairy Products during 1922.

Perkins-Timberlake Co.

ASSOCIATED STORES

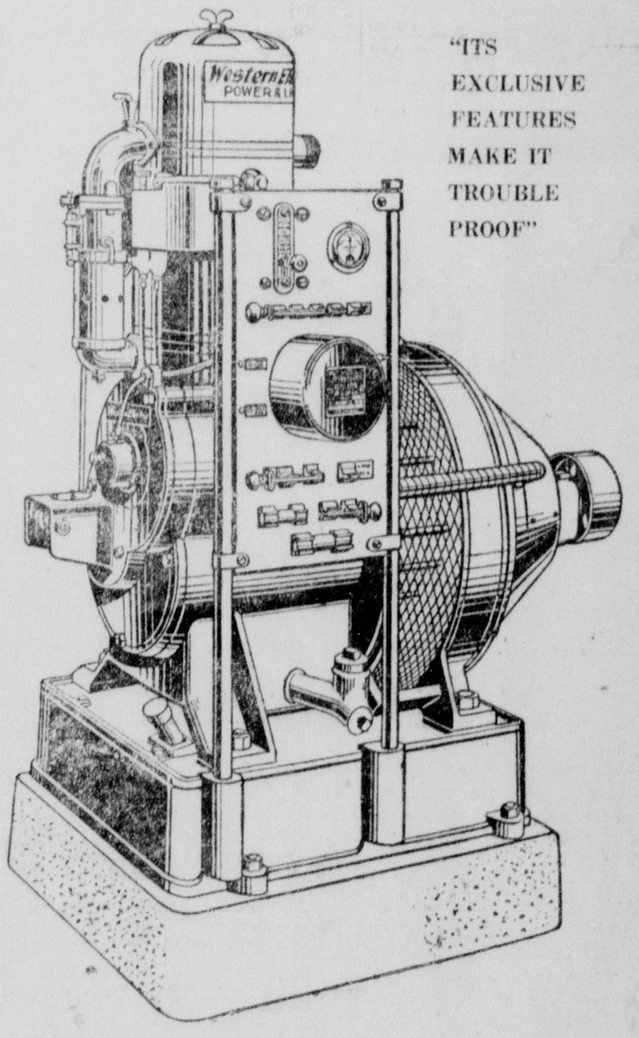
Why We're Proud of Oklaunion

In extending NEW YEAR GREETINGS to our Friends and Customers, we take this occasion to suggest that we BELIEVE IN OKLAUNION —in its citizenship, its school and its fertile acres. That is why we're preparing to Serve You Better during 1922 than ever before.

Clay Brite

Dry Goods and Groceries

WESTERN ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHT PLANT



"ITS EXCLUSIVE FEATURES MAKE IT TROUBLE PROOF"

The DIRECT CONNECTED type of Western Electric Power and Light plant is practically AUTOMATIC in its operation. A child can operate it. This guarantees you DEPENDABLE ELECTRIC SERVICE night and day for your farm. It will increase your working hours—by making it possible to do twice as much work in a given time as formerly—and it relieves farm and house work of practically all drudgery. See this plant in operation.

We take this occasion, too, to extend New Year Greetings, and wish you Happiness, Health and Prosperity for 1922.

Vernon Electric Company

OLEN TURNER, Manager

SPONSORS COTTON CROP FOR COUNTY

H. F. McKIBBIN STAKES FARMERS TO ENOUGH SEED FOR CROP

H. F. McKibbin arrived to make his home in Vernon February, 1893. He came from the sunny portion of Texas near Houston, and deemed this country very windy and bleak.

His first store was in the brick building now occupied by the Hawkins-Williams furniture company. Here he remained until his removal to the corner occupied by Russell's. He sold his stock of dry goods to this firm in the spring of 1918, and as has been at his present location, which he owns, since that time. His business is situated just south of the Waggoner National Bank on Main street.

At present Mr. McKibbin is selling out his stock of gentlemen's furnishings and intends going into the shoe business exclusively.

Faced Adversity.

Mr. McKibbin, having reached this county after the big wheat boom of 1891 and seeing the failure of the crop for 1892, decided something would have to be done or the country would go back to the jack rabbit and coyote.

He called in his next door neighbor, J. G. Matthews, who at that time was in the implement business next door, and they decided to buy a car load of cotton seed if the town would buy two more. A mass meeting was held next day at the Vernon Hotel and this was agreed upon by the others.

Hawkins Obtains Shipment.

L. G. Hawkins, vice-president of the Waggoner National bank was then station agent here, and he got permission from the Denver officials to "dead head" this seed into the county. Mr. Matthews took charke of the disposal of the seed, and when he couldn't sell it would give it away. Some flatly refused to take it on any terms saying they came out here to get away from cotton.

A "one horse" gin that broke down every few days with the nearest gin then at Henrietta compelled these diversifiers to buy up cotton in the seed. At one time Mr. McKibbin had all his money tied up in 75 bales of loose cotton which he stored anywhere he could.

Felt Bit Uneasy.

With a gin liable to go out of commission at any minute and seventy-five miles to another one, he says he was a little "shaky as to the outcome." The next year the farmers didn't save their seed so some more had to be dead headed in.

Later Greer county took this matter up, and through its small farms managed to prove to its Texas neighbors that with ten cent cotton they could support their families and get out of debt. At that time there was a saying that it took four sections of Wilbarger land to support a wife and baby.

RAYMOND H. NICHOLS

R. H. Nichols was formerly a member of Nichols-Brown Publishing company, publishers of the Vernon Record, and is now editor of the Amarillo Daily Tribune. Mr. Nichols is visiting here this week.

CALLED BIG FOUR AGENCY

E. M. Rogers, W. A. Larrimore and Wm. Blackwood Conduct Busy Agency

The Big Four Agency, composed of E. M. Rogers, W. A. Larimore and Wm. Blackwood, with offices over the Dixon Dry Goods Company, is very busy for this time of year. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Blackwood are members of the city commision Mr. Rogers is also ex-county clerk of Wilbarger.

Mr. Larimore is a former sheriff of the neighboring county, Baylor. Members of the firm have been here for several years and are well acquainted with people and acreage of the county.

The Big Four makes loans on farms and brick business houses. It represents six different firms for insurance against death, fire, tornado and theft.

YOU'LL LIKE THIS KIND OF CANDY

ESTABLISHMENT IN VERNON MAKES ESPECIALLY LUSCIOUS SORT

"Candyland" is everything the name implies especially in the Holiday season and the owner and manager, G. D. Sauris invites one out to the kitchen where the huge copper kettles of bubbling candy smells like Christmas.

Under the deft touch of the candy-maker, the concoction turns into bonbons or with another touch, the mass comes out striped peppermint candy. The customer, watching the facinating scene, forgets the dozens of things yet to do.

Makes Candy 16 Years.

Mr. Sauris came to Vernon from Dallas three years ago and established this home of good things. He has been a candy maker for sixteen years. In the summer twenty-five gallons of ice cream and special orders of brick ice cream each day find a ready market. This cream is made in the immaculate kitchen along with the preserved fruits, fruit juices and syrups used in the soft drinks. Salted peanuts also are made in this kitchen and find a ready market among the children of the town.

Mr Sauris sells candies both retail and wholesale. Some find their way to the small country stores by trucks and wagons. Other good candies known as box goods are sent to larger markets.

Plans Extension.

A delicious concoction made of divinity cream, caramel cream with an outer coating of whole pecan meats is called by the old fashioned name of Log Cabin, and along with the Liberty Cream is the special product of Mr. Sauris. When spring comes alterations and decorations will be made in the building and greater things are planned by the owner.

C. M. Caraway returned today from Dallas.

We have just received new samples Come select your suit now. Ladd & Adams. Phone 417. 100-2tp

Miss Cleo Bowers left Wednesday for Clarendon where she has taken a position in the office of Judge E. A. Simpson. Miss Bowers will also study expression at Clarendon College while away.

STILL PUMPING EIGHTY BARRELS EVERY DAY

The Sigler discovery well in the field twelve miles south of Vernon. This well blew over the derrick in the spring of 1920. It started a boom that brought thousands of visitors to the city. Prospecting still continues in the Sigler field.

OLD FIRM WITH NEW NAME

Davis, Webb and Summerour Re-Organize Business Dating Back From 1893

Davis, Webb and Summerour, though recently organized, form an old firm dating from 1893 when the name was Hiatt & McHugh. Mr. Davis has lived in this county for sixteen years and has been in the real estate business all this time.

Luther Webb has been a resident of the town for nine years and the other member of the firm, T. J. Summerour, has lived practically all his life in the county. They represent twenty-three companies for fire, tornado, theft, live stock, and automobiles.

Some of the strong companies they represent have been in business for over two hundred years.

MATTRESS FACTORY MAKES "LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP."

Prices Mattress Factory another industrial plant of the city is situated at 426 North Deaf Smith street. T. H. Price, the owner, came here in 1918 and has engaged in this business since that time. Charles Lawson is a helper at the factory.

Cotton used in the mattresses and pillows is grown in Wilbarger county. The owner has a trade mark for the famous Price mattresses which sounds very restful to tired minds and bodies. It is "Lay Me Down To Sleep."

PARKER STARTS GROCERY IN 1886

ESTABLISHMENT HAS OCCUPIED PRESENT SITE FOR 18 YEARS

The Parker-Donges Grocery Company was established in this city by the late B. J. Parker in 1886 and the style of the firm then was Parker, Gill & Colbert. Mr. Gill sold out his share of the concern and Mr. Colbert died. Mrs. Colbert's share was purchased by Mr. Parker.

The first location was two blocks west of the present location, but later Mr. Parker moved to the building occupied by the City Bakery where he remained twelve years until 1903 when he purchased the lots where the store now stands.

Firm Reorganized.

In 1910 J. C. Smith bought in the firm and sold out to the Parkers in 1919 when the present firm was reorganized. Members of the firm now are Mrs. Birdie H. Parker, B. J. Parker, and Adam Donges. Connected with this store is the meat department with Joe Minarik and Earl Foster in charge. Mrs. Porter Stinnett is bookkeeper.

R. C. Lawson, R. E. Cabe, Porter Stinnett, R. E. Cabe, Joe Parker, Adam Donges, Ernest Cabe and W. W. Badger are in the grocery department. The concern also buys cream for a firm in Amarillo.

Last year this store sold over $110,000 worth of groceries.

SERVICE COMPANY EXPANDS.

Light And Ice Plant In Vernon Has Steadily Increased Capacity Of Plant.

The Texas Public Service Company opened business here in April, 1913. At that time it installed one twelve and one-half ton ice machine; one 100 K. W. generator and two boilers. The pay roll was $515 per month and six people were employed.

At this time the company has two machines with a twenty-five ton capacity per day. It has two 150 K. W. generators. On heavy pulls both generators are used, and one is always on the job in case of a break in the machinery. Four boilers of 625 horse power have been installed and J. N. Johnson, manager, says they are well equipped for any emergency.

This company also pumps all the water used and hauled away from this place by the Denver railroad. The present pay roll is $1,250 per month. Most of this amount is spent in Vernon. Eleven hundred consumers avail themselves of the opportunity to use electricity in some form.

J. N. Johnson, a former bookkeeper for the firm and a resident of Vernon for several years, is the present manager. W. R. Lane another long time resident of Vernon, is the cashier.

COMPANY HERE NINE YEARS

Gulf Concern Has Tank Capacity of 108,000 Gallons—Annex and Warehouse

The Gulf Refining company, with J. W. Coffee as manager established a station here nine years ago. The tank capacity of local buildings is 108,000 gallons. The warehouse holds 220 barrels of lubricating oil. The annex to this building holds a supply of 300 cans of cage goods.

Main shipments are Supreme oils, Instre light kerosene, and Good Gulf gasoline from the company refineries at Port Arthur.

Mr. Coffee, the manager, came to Wilbarger in 1885 from Illinois. He and his family settled down near Fargo but for the last decade have made Vernon their home.

Mrs. C. T. Smith is doing well after an operation Wednesday morning at the Baptist sanitarium in Dallas. Mrs. Smith was accompanied to Dallas by Mrs. S. W. Bailey.

OUR NEW YEAR Greeting to Friends and Customers includes an invitation to let us SERVE you more fully during 1922 than you have ever done. We have a complete stock of Hardware and Automobile accessories; also a limited quantity of the BEST Mebane Cotton Seed at $2.50, as long as it lasts.

Byars Hardware Company

Oklaunion, Texas

1921- Has been a successful year for us due to the loyal friendship and support of our people, and we beg each of you will accept our sincere thanks and this acknowledgment of our gratitude.

1922- Is before us all. To you we trust it will bring that great measure of success which we know that you deserve. This is our sincere and lasting wish.

In conclusion we ask that you bear in mind at all times that we sell only the BEST COAL, GRAIN AND FEED on the market and are always willing to serve you in the best way possible and that our CUSTOMERS MUST BE SATISFIED.

W. N. MARTIN

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HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Vernon, this the 16th day of December, A. D. 1921.

VERNA LUCKY, Clerk,
County Court, Wilbarger County, Texas.
Fri-99-2t

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In the County Court of Wilbarger County, Texas.

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COME TO OUR STORE
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Remember the Poultry Show in Vernon, January 13 and 14.

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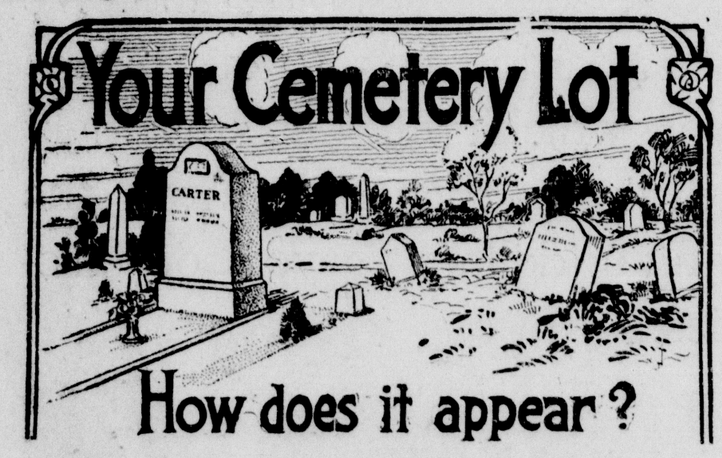
We come offering you a proposition that you cannot afford to turn down. Money is scarce and times are "close," but the time never comes when we do not cherish the memory of our loved ones who have passed ahead of us. Let us perpetuate that tender care and memory with a mark of beautiful and lasting MARBLE or GRANITE at this most appropriate season of the year, and be ready for a few touches of loving flowers as SPRING comes bringing to us fresh the beautiful thoughts of the resurrection.



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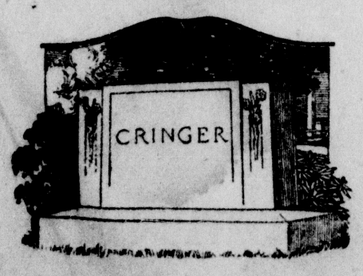

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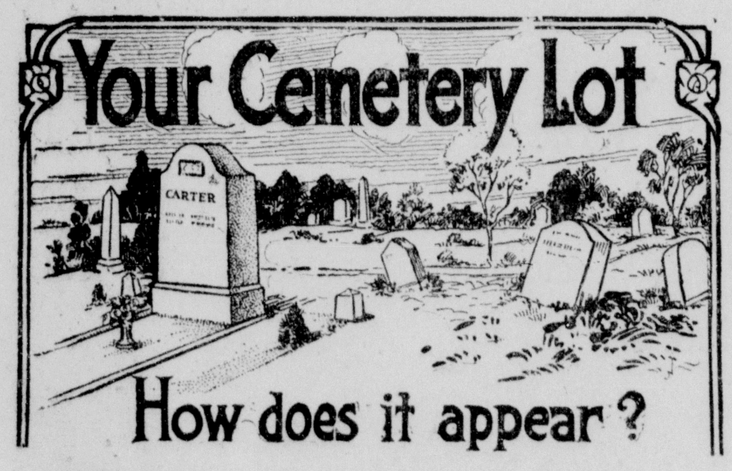

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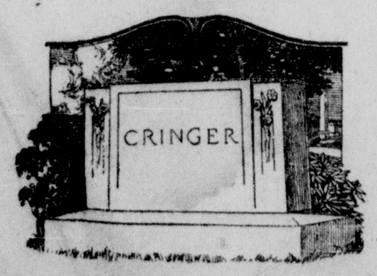

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HILL CREST ENTERTAINS WITH MUSIC NEW YEARS

The Hill Crest members will be entertained Sunday afternoon with a musical number. The following program will be carried out at the club home: Piano solo, "Impromptu," Rheinhold, Mrs. Harry Colley; Reading, "The Love of Music," Vandyke, Miss Annah Joe Pendleton; Violin solo "Souvenir" Drdla, Mrs. John Brown; vocal solo, "Solveig Song," Greig Mrs. E. C. Christian; piano solo, "Witches Dance" Taganini, Miss Vera Harrington; musical reading, "The Old Year and New", Edgar E. Guest, Mrs. C. J. Farrell; chorus, "Dawn," Thaikowsky, violin solo, "Last Movement Rode Concerto," Rode, Miss Catherine Pierce.

Returns From Pasteur Institute.

T. J. Stephens returned, Tuesday from Austin, where he went for treatment, having been bitten by a mad wolf. Mr. Stephens did not have to take the treatment because of the fact that the skin was not broken.

He reports the other patients from here: Guy Puckett, Roy Davis and Willie Freudiger who were bitten the same night he was, as doing fine though very anxious to come home.

Willie Frendiger is taking double treatment because he was biten on the face.

The treatment will be over January 7, 8, and 9, and they will be allowed to return.

Holding Series Of Meetings.

Rev. A. Lichenstein, president of the Jewish Christian Association is speaking at the Baptist Church every night this week. He is an interesting speaker, and gives the Jewish viewpoint of Christianity. He will close his meetings Sunday morning when he will speak on the "Passover," and will be dressed just as the Savior was dressed upon the occasion when HE observed "The Passover" and instituted the "Lord's Supper." Don't fail to hear him.

Pageant At Church To Be Repeated.

The pageant "Birth of Christ" written by the pastor and staged by the congregation of the Central Christian church Sunday night proved to be such a success that by request it will be repeated Sunday night, January 1, at 7 o'clock.

The house was packed, no standing room and crowd turned away. The collection taken up for the old minister's fund amounted to between forty and fifty dollars.

Have You a Lot.

If you have a lot, either business or residence lot close in that you want to sell cheap, and on good terms, see or write me.

J. R. JONES, Real estate Agt.
1t Vernon, Texas

Record classified ads bring results.

SALESMEN ARE HUSTLERS

Vernon Office of California Life Has Charge of Ten Counties.

The California Life Insurance company with E. M. Haney as manager and O. O. McCurdy as assistant manager have offices on South Main street Their district, with Vernon as the head office, embraces ten counties, and in spite of the financial depression sold one half million dollars worth of life insurance in the current year.

The sales force in the district is composed of thirty-two men, noted for their hustling qualities. This office has $2,800,000 in insurance in force on which the total annual premiums paid is the neat sum of $114,000. All of this money is invested or loaned in this district. In other words no money is taken out of the state permanently.

American Legion Will Stage Bout.

The American Legion will stage and eight round boxing contest on Wednesday night, January 4, at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Legion. Dalbert Webb of Vernon and "Stiffy Turner of Amarillo will contest for honors.

Turner has fought "Clever" Joe Denton, "Shifty" Keith and Jiminy Hatcher while Webb has met Turner in two bouts losing the first and the second was decided a draw.

These boys put on the fight that makes boxing one of the greatest of sports. The proceeds derived from this contest will be used for furnishings for the new club rooms of the Legion.

Estray Notice.

If you have seen a stray black calf and black sow pig please notify Oscar Holman. 1tc

Miss Frances Clark, who has been attending C. I. A. at Denton passed through Vernon, Saturday en route to her home in Crowell, where she will spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hines Clark.

Order that new suit from Ladd & Adams. Phone 417. 100-2tp

Clint Rogers returned Thursday after visiting relatives at his home in Hico.

Light hogs for sale. Will deliver them, dressed, anywhere in Vernon. Rudolph Streit, phone 9002-R 3. 1t

Mrs. W. C. Heath of Wichita Falls is here on a visit with her father, A. Allison, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rayzor and children are in Eddy visiting relatives and friends.

Get your cleaning and pressing done at Ladd & Adams tailors. Phone 417. 100-2tp

Mrs. Perry Griffith returned Friday from Mineral Wells where she has been for some time for her health.

Eric G. Schroeder returned Thursday after spending part of the holidays with relatives in St. Joseph, Mo.

O. T. Warlick of Los Vegas, former district attorney here was in the city on business a few days last week.

Mrs. Esther Kay and son, Happy, and mother, Mrs. M. L. Cole, are spending the holidays in Frederick, Okla. with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Walde, of Walters, Okla., spent Sunday and Monday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baird in West Vernon.

Mrs. Fred Hanna of Altus, Okla, returned to her home today after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Sumner.

Dr. Winston Pendleton and family of Kingfisher, Okla. arrived Tuesday night to spend the remainder of the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pendleton.

C. S. Smith came in from Lubock, Saturday morning where he has been a few days on business.

S. L. Coggins, principal of the Fargo schools has gone to Weinert for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hooper spent Christmas with Mrs. Hooper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deayerpoint at Pilot Point.

Mrs. Fred Newth and children, and sister, Miss Clara Riddle, left Tuesday for Paducah, to visit with their father, J. B. Riddle.

W. D. Pounrey District Deputy Grand Patriarch went to Childress Wednesday afternoon for the annual inspection of the Canton there.

Miss Grace Shamburger of Wichita Falls is the guest of Mrs. Dan Sumner. Miss Shamburger is a student at National Park Seminary at Washington, D. C.

T. B. Klepper, one of the owners of the Foard County News, passed through Vernon Thursday on his way to Crowell from Dallas.

Miss Lucy Healacher, teacher at Paradise is in Electra visiting relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pitts enjoyed a visit this week with their son, Carl of Wichita Falls.

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Garvin visited their daughter, Mrs. R. T. Pace and family, near Iowa Park during the holidays.

Rev. Nathan Powell, head of the Powell Training School in Dallas, is in Vernon in connection with the activities of his institution.

Lee Coleman of Duncan, Okla. spent Thursday with relatives here. Mr. Coleman is in the tailoring business in Duncan.

Mrs. Bettie Thomson of Crowell after a few days' stay with her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Norwood here, has gone to Wichita Falls to visit another daughter, Mrs. D. P. Beaty.

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READ THE CLASSIFIED WANT ADS.

WE THANK all our friends for their patronage the past year, and hope to have the pleasure of serving you during the New Year.

With best wishes for your Health and Happiness, we are at your service.

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Have that Family Group made while all the folks are at home Now.

Phone 693 for appointment.

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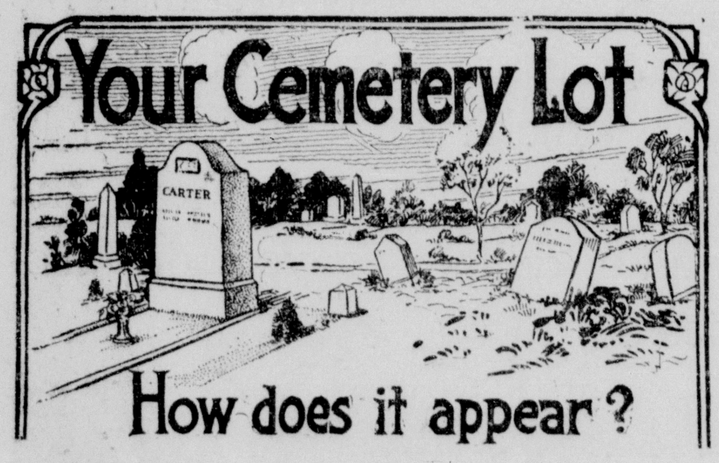

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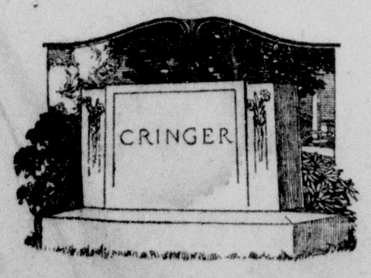

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ICE PLANT CAN BE BUILT SAYS MAYOR IF BONDS CARRY

Mason Cites Progress of Public Owned Utilities in Other Cities —Believes Vernon Could Have Same Success—Bowie, Denton, Shamrock, Ballinger Satisfied With Control of Plants.

Mayor Harry Mason, who is very much in favor of the proposed bond issue for light and water, on which the citizenship of Vernon will vote January 3rd, submits his opinion as follows:

"If the light bonds carry, the city commission will build an ice plant in conjunction with the light plant, as this proposition of an ice and light plant has been so fully discussed and understood by all the people. A vote for the bond issue will be construed and accepted as an endorsement of an ice plant as well as a light plant, and the commission will so construe the vote of the people, and a rejection of the bond issue will be construed a rejection of both an ice and light plant.

Where Will We Get the Money for An Ice Plant.

"The ice plant will be built by an issue of City Warrants under the law. Not one dollar of the bond money will be used for the ice plant. We have a bid to build ice and light plant for $100,000, divided as follows: $70,000 for lights and $30,000 for ice. Therefore it would only be necessary to issue $70,000 of the bond to erect light plant, thereby releasing $30,000. The city commission could then issue $30,000 in city warrants against the city's present rate and valuation and build ice plant. And mark you, this can be done without a raise in rate or valuation.

"The city built a high school auditorium costing $15,000 in this same way by issuing city warrants. The city purchased $15,000 of fire fighting trucks in the same way. The city paid over $5,000 of paving on West Wilbarger street in the same way. Every city administration has carried on public improvements in the same way. The county bridge at end of North Main street was built by the county this way. And the city can build an ice plant the same way, and it will be in compliance with the strict letter of the law.

"The following rates and charges submitted of light plants, to show what other towns are charged for current:

Terrell, Texas.—"Beg to advise that the city has an electric plant, and it is on a paying basis, altho our rates are cheaper than our competitor, Texas Light & Power Co. Our rate is 6 cents per kilowatt hour for power, exclusive. For commercial and resident current our charges are as follows: First, K. W., 12c per K. W.; second 10 K. W., 7c per K. W.; third 10 K. W.; and 2c per K. W. for all above 30 K. W. We have four customers to one for the Texas Light & Power and could have more if we were in position to care for it. I trust you will be successful with your bond issue, for it is the only way to get relief from the big corporations.

Greenville, Texas.—"Beg to say that the city of Greenville owns its light and power plant. We have the following free service, which is a thorn in the side of some plants: 1,000 free lights; 295 white-way globes, and all schools and fire departments have free service. Whatever you do vote for the municipal light plant, and do not let anyone tell you that it will not make money. Our rates are as follows; lights, minimum charge, 50c. First 100 K. W. 10c next 200 K. W.; 9 1-2c per K. W.; next 500 K. W., 8 1-2c per K. W. Power, minimum charge, 75c. First H. P., 50c each; first 500 K. W., 4c per K. W.; next 500 K. W., 3 1-2c per K. W.; excess 1,000 K. W., 3c per K. W.; cooking 3c per K. W., no minimum.

Lubbock, Texas.—"Our municipal light plant is a sucess in every way. We are furnishing light at a much less cost than the "Utility" company did, and we are getting a great deal of satisfaction.

City of Lubbock, Light rate—First 25 K. W. H. at 10c per K. W. H.; next 75 K. W. H. at 8c per K. W. H.; excess 100 K. W. H. at 5c per K. W. H.; minimum 75c per month. Power rate—First 200 K. W. H. 7c per K. W. H., next 400 K. W. H. at 6c per K. W. H., excess 600 K. W. H. at 3c per K. W. H., minimum 75c per H. P.

Cooking rate—First 200 K. W. H. at 4c per K. W. H.; excess 200 K. W. H. at 3c per K. W. H.

"Brady, Texas, (water and lights)—October, 1920, total revenue, $3785.08. Total expense $1295.00. Net profit $2490.08. November, 1920, total revenue, $4184.35. Total expenses, $854.00. Net profit, $3330.35. January, 1921, total revenue, $4132.92. Total expense, $1051.00. Net profit, $2981.92.

Ballinger Light, Power & Ice Co.—Receipts for the year, 1920: Light $19,725.94, power $6,798.58; total $26,424.52.

What a Municipal Light Plant Will Do in Ballinger.

Receipts from light plant $16,000.00, receipts from water plant $10,000.00, received from 25c (old) tax rate on $2,000,000 valuation, old value $5,000.00; total $31,000.00.

Operating expenses per annum $16,000.00; interest and sinking fund, on all bonds both old and new, $11,100.00; receipts above expenses $3,900.00; total $31,000.00.

Privately Owned.

Houston, Texas—Lighting rates, primary, per K. W. H., 9 cents; secondary, per K. W. H., 5 cents; minimum bill per month, 50 cents; all bills in excess of minimum, subject to a 10 per cent discount for payment within 10 days after presentation.

Power rates—retail rate for power, alternating current—First 10 K. W. H. each month per H. P. installed at 5 cents per K. W. H. Next 60 K. W. H. each month per H. P. installed at 2 1-2 cents per K. W. H. All over 67 K. W. H. each month per H. P. installed at 1 3-4 cents per K. W. H. Less 10 per cent for payment within discount period. Minimum bill 25 cents per H. P. or fraction thereof installed. On fans only, add demand charge of 25 cents per H. P. or fraction thereof installed.

"The following towns own their plant—Ballinger, Bowie, Denton, Hallettsville, San Augustine, Whitesboro, Shamrock. These towns have owned and operated their plant for years, and some for 15 years. These facts are respectfully submitted for a careful consideration of the voter.

"HARRY MASON."

House And Contents Destroyed By Fire

Buck Clark living three miles south of Rayland had the misfortune to lose his house, furniture and clothing Tuesday night. It is thought that the fire was caused by a defective flue. No insurance was carried. A committee of Mr. Clark's neighbors were in Vernon. Wednesday to make up a subscription for him, among the merchants of the town.

Mrs. Muller's Barn Destroyed By Fire.

A large barn on Mrs. O. H. Muller's farm six miles north-east of Vernon was burned Wednesday night.

The barn contained bundled feed, hay and implements. A thresher, truck and three grain drills were destroyed. On account of the intense heat only a few binders were saved. Origin of fire is not known.

PYRAMID PREPARES FOR DRILLING IN

BIT PROBABLY WILL BE SENT ON WAY THROUGH ROCK TOMORROW

Rigging up is the program for Pyramid number 2 drillers today, and as soon as that operation is completed, the bit will be sent on its way through the rock upon which the casing has been set. George A. Long, in active supervision of the work for the Pyramid Royalty Co., said this morning that unles untoward circumstances developed, drilling should commence tomorrow.

No conception of the distance still to be traveled before the sand is struck is possessed by Mr. Long and his associates, of course, and not even an opinion is hazarded. Everything is in readiness in the event that oil is struck at any depth, and the utmost caution will be used throughout the progress.

Public Tabooed.

Mr. Long has forbade the presence of the public on the derrick floor on the grounds of safety alone. In order to discredit any charges of unfairness however, he has voluntarily offered to prominent merchants and the city of Vernon the privilege of placing a representative on the derrick floor who may remain at all times to watch operations.

The Pyramid Royalty Co. assumed active management of the hole this morning upon completion of the rotary contract.

S. T. REEDER KILLED WHILE BIRD HUNTING LAST WEDNESDAY

Oklaunion Man Dies From Gun-Shot—Little Son Summons Mother Who Finds Husband Lifeless on Arriving—Leaves Family of Six—Burial Today In East View Cemetery.

S. T. Reeder aged 53, prominent farmer living near Oklaunion was accidentally killed. Wednesday morning while hunting in a pasture two miles from his home. The fatal acident was caused by the discharge of a gun which fell from a vehicle from which he had just alighted to shoot at a covey of birds.

Mr. Reeder and little son, Tom, had gone that morning to try out a new gun, a recent gift of the father to the son. They took two guns with them which were not loaded at the time of their leaving home.

The little boy states that on arriving at the scene of the accident, his father left him in the hack with orders that he would shoot first at the covey and then the son was to have a try at the birds with the new gun.

At the sound of the shots from Mr. Reeders gun, the team of mules hitched to the vehicle became frightened and wheeled to run. The gun fell from the seat, was discharged and the whole load entered the left side of the father.

Little Tom seeing that nothing could be done by him went to the house for aid and Mrs. Reeder and eldest daughter, Miss Mansel, went at once to bring the injured man home. On arrival they discovered that he had expired.

Mr. Reeder has been a native of Texas for thirty years and a resident of Wilbarger county for twenty-seven years.

He was married to Miss Anna Rogers of Vernon about the time of his coming to this county and is survived by the widow and four daughters, Mansel, Florence, Annie May and Cora Lou and two sons, Tom, Jr., and Virgil, all at home. Three sisters and one brother live in Kentucky and two brothers in Kansas City.

Mr. Reeder was well known all over the county on account of his long residence and excellent standing in his community. He was one of the most prosperous wheat farmers of that locality.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Baptist church here with Rev. Reed of the Oklaunion Baptist church in charge. Mr. Reeder had been a devoted member of this church for several years. Interment was made in East View cemetery.

MARRIED AT HIGH NOON.

Miss Coleman And Don Parker Are Wed—Leave For Breckenridge On Noon Train.

The home of H. L. Coleman of West Wilbarger was the scene of a very pretty wedding. Wednesday morning when his daughter, Miss Irma Coleman became the bride of Don Parker of Breckenridge, in the presence of the immediate family and a few close friends.

Promptly at high noon the couple, to the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. Earl Coleman, an aunt of the bride, entered the parlor unattended. They were met by Rev. W. P. Garvin, who performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a handsome traveling dress of blue tricotine with accessories to match and carried an arm bouquet of white carnations and ferns. They left immediately after the ceremony for Fort Worth and Eastland where they will visit with relatives, from there they will go to Breckenridge where they will make their home.

Mrs. Parker was a former student of Simmons college at Abilene and this marriage is the culmination of a school day romance. The contracting parties having met each other there a few years ago. The bride also attended school here and has lived in Vernon nearly all her life.

Mr. Parker during the war served his country in the navy. He is manager of a wholesale grocery company at Breckenridge.

Many friends are extending congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.

EX-MAYOR BELIEVES BOND ISSUE BENEFIT

CLAIMS PUBLIC OWNED PLANT SUCCESS—"CITY DAYS." ARE CAPABLE

L. P. Bonner, former mayor of Vernon, has come out in favor of the bond issue for light and water system and submits the following statement as to his views on the question:

"On account of my previous connection with the City I have been asked to express my opinion concerning the proposed bond issue to install a light plant.

"I shall vote for these bonds. I know the city can furnish light current at one-third less than is now being paid by our people. We need more street lights, and our people should have them, and they should have electric current for domestic purposes at the lowest price it can be furnished.

"I have no doubt but what the plant will give us better service at less cost. There is nothing in the proposition that we can't trust our City Commissioners to manage. We trust them to manage the schools, the water and sewer systems, the street improvements, the library, the fire department and all other affairs pertaining to the city government, and certainly we could risk them to direct the light plant which is the least complicated of all.

"I know our water and sewer systems have been a success under the management of the city. I have read Mr. Robinson's article concerning the water and sewer systems and concur in what he says.

"I am convinced the people of Vernon are satisfied with the water and sewer system, and the service given them from these plants. And when we consider that these combined plants were installed with bond issues of only $62,000.00 and of this amount $10,000.00 of these bonds are still held by the City Treasurer leaving $52,000.00 which has originally gone into the water and sewer bonds and the plant built up from this to where it is worth over $100,000 within the last eleven years makes a good showing.

"I do not want to be an agitator upon any question. I have no interests to serve in what I have said except to express my views as a private citizen. I have always considered that the people of every city should have the benefits of these necessities at the lowest possible cost to them, and it is but the duty of every citizen to give his help to this end.

"L. P. BONNER."

DOANS COUPLE ARE WED.

Miss Garner Miller And Claude Briscoe Married At Fargo Christmas Eve.

Miss Garner Miller and Claude Briscoe of the Doans community were united in marriage, Saturday afternoon at the residence of J. R. Green, justice of the peace at Fargo, who also officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Miller and has resided in the county for several years. Mr. Briscoe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Briscoe of this city but has for some time been living on a farm in the Doans neighborhood.

After the ceremony was performed, Mr. and Mrs. Briscoe returned to the home of the parents of the bride where a dinner was served. Dancing was then indulged in to a late hour.

They will make their home for the next year on a farm near Doans.

WILL LIVE IN FARWELL.

Chester Magness And Miss Amy Daniels Married By Justice Griffith At Court House.

Chester Magness and Miss Amy Daniels all of the West Hinds comthe office of the justice of the peace in the court house with Esquire T. J. Griffith officiating Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Magness is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Magness and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daniels al lof the West Hinds community. The young couple will make their home in Farwell.

Entertain With Turkey Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jouett entertained at their home in West Vernon with a turkey dinner on Christmas day. Beside the family and Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jouett, and Esquire and Mrs. T. J. Griffith helped to demolish the turkey.

STOKES VOICES LEGAL OBJECTIONS TO BOND ISSUE

Local Attorney Says City Not Permitted Under Laws of the State to Own and Operate Ice Plant—Thinks First Duty Is to School Children of Community—Cites Examples.

W. N. Stokes, local attorney, is of the opinion that Vernon cannot legally manufacture ice as a municipality. His objections to the proposed bond issue are voiced in the following:

"Those people who vote for the bond at the next Tuesday thinking they are voting for an ice plant to be established in Vernon are doomed to a great disappointment. The city of Vernon can not engage in the business of manufacturig ice. The laws and constitution of the State of Texas do not give to cities and towns in this State the right to engage in the manufacturing business except in the matter of electric current. Cities and towns are organized under the law primarily for governmental purposes.

"All of the functions of government can not be executed at the capitol of the State, hence it is necessary to give to cities and towns certain rights and powers to govern the people living in them. The right to manufacture electric current was deemed by the Legislature a necessity for the municipalities of the State because a great number of smaller cities had no general lighting system and private capital was not willing to invest its money in such an enterprise in a small town. The legislature, therefore, gave to municipalities the right to issue bonds for the purpose of establishing a light plant.

Bonds for Necessities.

"The same thing can be said of a water and sewerage system. These things were necessary and could not be procured in many towns from other sources, hence the Legislature gave the power to cities and towns to vote bonds and establish them as municipal enterprises. At no time has a city had any right to engage in the manufacturing business generally and it has not that right today. The city commission can not use money paid as taxes for the purpose of building an ice fartory because the laws and constitution of the State do not give them that authority. The reason why the Legislature has not done so is that cities are not organized as commercial enterprises. Their functions are purely governmental with the exceptions above mentioned of a lighting system and a water and sewerage system.

"If a city commission has the right to establish an ice factory and manufacture and deliver ice to its citizens without specific authority from the legislature under laws properly enacted, then the city commission could also manufacture lumber, and for that purpose issue bonds, build and equip a saw mill in eastern Texas for the manufacture of lumber to be sold to the citizens of the city. Likewise it could establish a brick plant and vote bonds, build and equip a brick manufacturing plant and sell brick to its citizens for the purpose of building houses. If a city can establish an ice factory, then it can go into any other line of business the city commission may deem expedient. These enterprises are not governmental in their nature hence a city can not engage in them without specific authority under the law, and the laws of Texas do not give to cities any such authority.

Must State Purpose.

"Furthermore, the money derived from the sale of these bonds could not be used to establish an ice factory even if the city could engage in that line of enterprise under the law because the law requires that the order calling for the election must state the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued and the order calling for this election says not one word about an ice plant. The proceeds of the bonds could not, therefore, be used to establish an ice plant but must be used only for the establishment of a light plant. If the order had stated the bonds were to be issued to establish an ice plant, then the bonds themselves would have been void because the city has no right to issue bonds to establish an ice plant.

"It is claimed by some that the city commission can issue warrants on the

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BOARD REPLIES TO MAYOR'S ARTICLE

SCHOOL TRUSTEES ANSWER ARTICLE IN RECORD OF DECEMBER 23

In refutation of the statements made by the Mayor in the Record of December 23, and as a protest against the refusal of the city commission to order a bond election for a new high school, the school board submits the following:

"We have read with much interest the Mayor's article which appeared in the Vernon Record, December 23. This article, according to the Mayor, was to keep the records straight. We are writing this article for the same purpose. He presents facts and figures to show that High School bonds may be issued without amending the city charter or increasing the tax rate.

Why Not Election?

"We as a school board, respectfully ask why the Commission refused to proceed by ordering an election for a bond issue for a new high school and other school purposes. We also want to know why the City Council at a meeting Tuesday, December 13, passed a resolution asking the city attorney to draw up all necessary papers and documents relative to an election for the purpose of amending our charter, and at the same time voting an additional tax for school purposes.

"Why not pay off the $40,000 in outstanding bonds with the cash on hand in the sinking fund? Why not cancel the $25,000,000 in paving bonds if it is his purpose to provide funds for the erection of a new high school? We only ask that the voters of this city make a personal investigation of our present school system and see the needed improvements, also make close inspection of all the surroundings and see what our teachers have to work with, and decide whether or not we need more and better schools.

"From information furnished by the Mayor to the Trustees, it was our understanding that the only way bonds could be issued for school purposes and the light plant, was by amending our charter and voting an additional tax, which fact is borne out by the resolution passed on the 13th of this month at a council meeting, and to which we have referred to above. Realizing that this meant delay and an increase of taxes, and further realizing the pressing needs of the schools, we respectfully asked the Commission to cancel its order for a light bond issue in order that the high school bond issue could be presented to the people immediately. This request was denied us and now the Mayor assures us that we may have both, the High School and light plant without amending our charter. If this was true, why the above resolution for increasing our tax rate? Again we respectfully ask why the Commission does not issue an order for an election for school purposes

School Board Does Part.

Again, in the way of keeping the record straight, the Mayor states that the city has paid $2,000 this year for paving assessed against the schools. Our books show that we have paid $17,999.85 from the school fund for sidewalks and miprovements of the grounds with the understanding that the paving assessment against the schools would be credited with this amount.

He has also stated on many occasions that he puts this issue before the people because they demanded it.

"Why is the school so personally interested? Because we have made a thorough investigation and in our best judgment, we feel keenly the great need of a modern and well equipped high school.

J. A. BIRDSONG,
MRS. EUGENE KELTZ,
T. L. ROUSE,
EMORY RHOADS,
T. A. KING,
I. S. SEWELL."

MORE BONDS PURCHASED LOCAL FIRM HANDLES DEAL

Bonds to the amount of $114,000 were purchased this week by H. C. Burt and Company of Houston.

The water work bonds for the city of Crowell for $100,000 and the Odell school bonds of this county for $14,000 made up the items of the purchase.

This sale was handled through the firm of Fentress and Walker, a local brokerage firm of this city.

ROBERT HOUSSELS DIES CHRISTMAS AT CALIFORNIA HOME

President of Waggoner National Bank Had Been in Failing Health for Long Time—Funeral Services Conducted In Vernon Thursday Afternoon—Throngs Attend Last Rites.

Robert Houssels, 87 years old, and one of the best known and respected of former Wilbarger county residents, died at Long Beach, Calif. Christmas Day at 4:50 p. m. after a lingering illness. The body was brought to Vernon and funeral services conducted Thursday afternoon from the First Methodist Church. Practically every business establishment in the city closed its door for two hours yesterday afternoon while the ceremony was in progress.

Robert Houssels was president of the Waggoner National Bank of Vernon and widely known throughout this section. He came to Vernon in January, 1891, ad several years later succeeded W. T. Waggoner as head of the local banking institution.

Born Across Waters.

Mr. Houssels was born February 18, 1834, near Cologne, in the province of Rhein, Prussia. He was confirmed in the Lutheran church when 14 years old. The former Vernon resident came to America in 1851 and located in Perry county, Tennessee, in 1854. He became a Master Mason in Linden Lodge 210, A. F. and A. M., in 1858.

In October, 1860, Robert Houssels married Miss Docia Young and ten children, three of whom are dead, were born of this union. His survivors are his wife and seven children: John H., Robert, Bismark, Mrs. C. A. Brown of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. E. H. Archer of Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. J. N. Fain of Greenville, and Mrs. L. G. Hawkins of Vernon.

Wife Unable to Come.

Bismark and Robert Houssels accompanied the body of their father to Vernon. Mrs. Houssels, on account of illness, was unable to make the journey. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fain of Greenville also came here for the funeral.

Magnificent floral offerings at the services yesterday attested to the love and respect in which Robert Houssels was held. Throngs of former friends and acquaintances packed the church auditorium in final foken to one of the city's pioneers. Rev. C. A. Waterfield was in charge of the services, and was assisted by two of Mr. Houssel's former pastors, Rev. J. G. Miller of Durant, Okla., and Rev. A. W. Hall of Weatherford. Burial was in East View cemetery.

Pall Bearers at Funeral.

Active pall bearers at the funeral yesterday were L. E. Piper, W. H. Huggins, S. C. Hogsett, Harry Colley, Daniel Bond, J. V. Townsend, J. S. Cook and W. K. Long. Honorary pall bearers were W. O. Anderson, T. H. Shive, J. E. Dodson, J. A. Birdsong, Lon Byars, T. J. Youngblood, W. D. Berry, S. W. Bailey, C. T. Smith, C. E. Basham, H. F. McKibbin, T. P. Lisman, J. A. Dixon, J. B. Morris, S. A. Castlebury, Alex Streit, Godfrey Streit, J. E. Lutz, C. S. Ballew, R. L. Castlebury, W. T. Waggoner.

GASSED ON VISIT TO SANTA.

Odell Farmer's Son Is Revived After Being Nearly Asphyxiated Christmas Eve.

Going to see Santa Claus' headquarters at Odell came very near proving the undoing of one little boy, Saturday. S. E. Hise living three miles northeast of Odell placed his two little sons, on the floor of the car in the rear and covered them over with a blanket as the morning was cold. On reaching Odell, one little fellow jumped out but the other failed to follow him.

On uncovering the child they discovered him almost past medical aid. At first it was thought by the men who applied restoratives that the boy was unconscious from cold but such was not the case. No mat was in the bottom of the car and the exhaust from the engine had almost asphyxiated him. The other boy had kept his head out and escaped the danger. After two hours strenuous work, the boy revived and finished his Christmas shopping not much the worse for his experience.

Vernon Theater

Friday and Saturday

"The Night Horseman"—Tom Mix

Romance of a man whose nature is so wild that he shuns God's creatures except his horse and dog, until the sorrow of those who love him tames him.

Sunshine Comedy—

"LOVE AND WAR"

Second Chapter Winners of the West

Monday and Tuesday

"The Devil Within"—Dustin Farnum

Mutt and Jeff and Fox News

Wednesday and Thursday

"HANDCUFFS OR KISSES"

—Elaine Hammerstein

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general fund of the city in payment for machinery necessary to establish an ice plant. The law requires the city commission to provide for the levy of a tax sufficient to pay the interest and at least 2 per cent of the principal of a debt and such levy must be made at the same time the debt is incurred. No city commission in Texas is permitted even to issue bonds of such city for a sum greater than $2,000 without an election first being had and a majority of the voters voting favorable thereto, hence it can be seen at once that warrants of the city could not be issued for an ice plant.

Will $100,000 Be Enough?

"It has been suggested by the advocates of these bonds that the city of Vernon can establish its light plant with $100,000 and at the same time or later vote additional bonds sufficient to build and equip an adequate high school. In the first place $100,000 will not more than be a starter for a light plant in Vernon. The town of Altus, Oklahoma, has owned and operated its light plant for a number of years. It already owns its power plant, buildings, machinery, etc., necessary to manufacture electric current and a large equipment for its distribution. The town of Altus covers a much smaller area than the town of Vernon.

"The business houses and residences of Altus are built close together while at Vernon we all know our residences are scattered and our town covers three times the area of most any other town of its size. Altus is a town of 4,000 people. Vernon has more than 6,000. At Altus they have just recently voted $115,000 additional bonds, the proceeds of which are to be used to repair and extend its light plant.

Two Plants at Lubbock.

At Lubbock, Texas, the city owns a light plant. There is also a privately owned light plant at Lubbock which supplies a large percentage of its inhabitants with current. The town of Lubbock invested something like $100,000 originally in its light plant. That town has a population of slightly more than 4,000, yet they are contemplating voting an additional $110,000 of bonds, the proceeds of which are to be used to repair and extend its municipal plant. Now if it takes $115,000 plus the original cost of its machinery, building and equipment to build and properly extend a light plant at Altus, and $210,000 to build and properly extend a light plant at Lubbock, how can the town of Vernon hope to build and equip a complete lighting system for less than half that amount? It simply can not be done. If we vote these bonds we are going to find that within a short time we will have to vote at least an additional $100,000 to complete the system. In that event our school buildings and streets are bound to be neglected.

"The school board says that we need a high school building. Their estimate is that an up-to-date high school, one that would meet the needs and demands of the children of our town, would cost $200,000. The town of Commerce, Texas, a town much smaller than Vernon, has just recently built a modern high school at a cost of $200,000 and a prominent citizen of that town recently told me that the building was not too large and did not more than meet the demands. Our school board says, however, that we could possibly build and equip our high school for $150,000. The Mayor and city secretary told me yesterday that the full limit of bonds we can issue at this time is approximately $104,000. That is based upon last year's valuation of property and every one knows that property generally has declined in value at least 25 per cent the present year which, if true, would reduce proportionately the amount of bonds we could issue.

Not Enough for Both.

"Suppose we issue $100,000 for an electric light plant. We could issue only $94,000 for a high school. This is the extreme limit placed upon our ability to issue bonds by our mayor upon last year's valuation. This amount of money is not sufficient to build the high school our children should have, but if we take their view of it and vote bonds for the light plant and the school building, our ability to issue bonds is then completely exhausted. We will have an inadequate high school, one that would be entirely unsatisfactory, and when we shall realize the fact that to complete our light plant we must have an additional $100,000, our condition will be pitiable.

"It has been suggested that we could vote for high school purposes an additional $25,000 if the city commission should cancel that amount of water and street bonds now on hand and unsold. That is unthinkable. We would then have no money to extend our paved streets and connect up with the county roads to be paved the coming year from the recent county wide bond issue, and no good citizen wants to see a naked gap between our paved streets and our county roads.

Rate Not Established.

"It is said that the man of small means will vote for the light plant because it will give him cheaper lights. The municipal plant at Altus, Oklahoma, charges 16c per kilowat for its current and the municipal plant at Memphis, Texas, charges 17 1-2c for its current. I do not believe a municipal plant at Vernon could produce current cheaper than a municipal plant in these towns. I see no reason why it could do so. The mayor of Memphis has recently said to one of our citizens that if we want to go in the light business we can buy a plant from his town at a bargain. In other words they are sick of the business at Memphis.

"But aside from this my observation is that the man of small means is just as ambitious for his children to have a good education as the man of large means. His children are certainly entitled to the very best education the town of Vernon can give them. Few great men come from rich families. With few exceptions the great men of this country have come from the poorer classes. The man of small means in rare instances can afford to send his children to the colleges and universities of the country, hence it is of vital importance to him that our high school furnish the best possible facilities for educating his children. We can not possibly build a high school if we vote these light bonds. The figures above given for voting bonds are the highest, the most enthusiastic supporters of the bond issue will dare make and personally I do not believe we can vote anything like the amount of bonds they claim we can after the assessments are made the coming year.

May Have to Amend Charter.

It is practically certain we can not do so without amending our charter and raising the taxes. The mayor and city commission evidently do not think we can do so without amending the charter and raising the taxes because on Tuesday of last week, when the ladies of the various clubs of the city asked the city commission to take steps for the building of a modern high school, the city commission passed the following resolution to-wit: "Whereupon Rogers made a motion which was duly seconded by Napier that the city attorney be instructed to proceed to draw up the necessary notices and regulations so that the voters can amend the city charter by increasing the amount of taxes for school purposes and the building of a modern high school building for the city of Vernon to be submitted to a vote of the people at an election for an amendment. All voters voting aye.

"If we can have an electric light plant and a high school building without amending the charter and raising our taxes, then why did the city commission pass that resolution? I do not believe the people of this town will stand a raise in taxes, nor do I believe they ought to be expected to do so. Our taxes are so high now that they are a severe burden to most of us and I do not believe we can stand a higher tax rate especially under the present valuations which are also too high. This means we will have no high school. It means the children of this town shall not have the same advantages that are provided for children of other towns not even in Vernon's class.

Duty to Children First.

"Every vote cast for these light bonds is a vote against the high school children of this town and especially those children of parents who are unable to send them away to school. We have no higher duty in life than to provide the coming generation with the very best possible opportunities to procure a thorough education and if we jeopardise the opportunities of the children of our town to procure the very best education, even though by doing so we should reduce our light bills a few cents, we are putting a greater value on that few cents in money than we place upon the education of our children and ought to be ashamed of ourselves.

"The laws of Texas provide the city commission with every facility they they could wish to inform themselves of the financial condition, expenses, receipts, etc., of the Texas Public Service Company. It gives to them the right to fix and establish the rate to be charged by that company for its current. It seems to me if we can regulate and establish the rates to be charged by the present light company without investing a dollar in it, it is much better to do that than it would be to invest a $100,000 or the people's money in the same kind of a plant when all we could possibly do would be to regulate its rates.

One Issue He Opposes.

"I never voted against a bond issue in my life and if the city commission will submit to the voters a proposition to vote bonds in any amount for school purposes, I will vote for it, but I will never consent to invest the people's money in an enterprise of this kind under present conditions and do not believe any other voter ought to do so.

"W. N. STOKES."

G. T. Allman of Wichita Falls and a former station agent of the Fort Worth & Denver came Sunday for a visit with his sister, Mrs. W. C. Pitts and other relatives.

Miss Grace Massie, deputy county clerk at Roswell, N. M., and a former resident of Vernon arrived Saturday for a visit with her brother F. L. Massie and family.

Clyde Batchelor, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Batchelor is home for the Christmas vacation from Kemper Military school at Boonville, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith and family of Wichita Falls are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ross.

Miss Winnie Jewell Norwood, teacher of music at Crowell, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Norwood of West Paradise street.

Mrs. Katy Bledsoe of Wichita Falls is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. F. Hope and brothers, R. L. and S. A. Castlebury.

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May your Happiness and Prosperity be measured only by the length of the days of 1922. May you be granted Strength and a Will to Work; Courage to OVERCOME every difficulty; and when another New Year comes, may you have realized the DEAREST WISH of your heart.

You will find us BETTER PREPARED to SERVE you during 1922 than ever before.

Russells

THE MAN WHO PROSPERS is the man we envy. We hope you'll be Prosperous and Happy during 1922. Our Faith in Wilbarger county and Wilbarger people increases with the years—that is why we Look FORWARD to 1922 as the BEST YEAR in our experience. We hope it may be for you the same.

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Remember the Poultry Show, January 13 and 14, and be sure to use that famous Chase and Sanborn Coffee.

IS SOURCE OF SUMMER REFUGE

ICE CREAM FACTORY AIDS IN RELIEVING OPPRESSION OF HOT WEATHER

The Vernon Ice Cream Factory is owned and managed by F. A. Gelhausen and the plant stands near the City Hall. Mr. Gelhausen came to Vernon in 1891, remembered by old citizens as one of the banner years of the county. He went immediately into the bakery business in which he continued until five years ago when he sold his interest and went into the ice cream factory.

Prior to this Mr. Gelhausen had made and sold ice cream in the bakery but he decided that more money could be made through wholesale deliveries. He also retails this good cream in enormous quantities.

110 Gallons Daily.

In the summer months when the mercury stands around the 110 mark, folks' minds naturally turn to something cooling and ice cream suppers and individual parties are prevalent. It is then that Mr. Gelhausen averages 110 gallons of this frozen dainty every day. Some days the gallons creep up to 200 a day. Then all the force is called in to rush the ice cream out to the perspiring multitude.

Manufactures Candy.

When the chill of winter approaches and ice cream gives way to hot drinks, he makes candy that is sold in the grocery stores here to grown ups and "kiddies." Through the summer also finds a ready sale for potato chips as well as in the winter. Salted peanuts find a ready market, too. These are sold in the store although sometimes the public drive by the door and purchase the hot potatoes and peanuts fresh from the stove.

Cream made in the factory is shipped up and down the Denver and is sent into Oklahoma.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB RECENTLY ORGANIZED

A number of young women met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Huggins November 20, to organize a Home Economics Club. After some discussion it was decided that the club should meet every third Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and that the first half hour should be spent in demonstration of the menu, the next hour in study, and the remaining half hour in a social way.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. A. Birdsong, president, Mrs. A. F. Winston, vice president, Mrs. Marvin Sharp Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. H. A. Conner, parliamentarian, and Mrs. W. R. Hooper, press reporter.

After the organization was completed the hostess served delicious refreshments to the club.

The Home Economics club met at the home of Mrs. Roy Abbott, December 23. Her home was attractively decorated with holly and evergreens. After all business was completed and the program rendered a delightful Christmas menu was demonstrated and served. Each guest was then presented with a gift from the beautiful decorated Christmas tree.

The membership of the club consists of: Mesdames W. H. Huggins, J. A. Birdsong, A. F. Winston, D. Norwood, H. A. Conner, Marvin Sharp, Price Denny, W. E. Colley, Homer Rogers, Roy Abbott, W. R. Hooper, T. G. Lane, Dan Sumner, W. T. Berry, W. J. Stuckler, Oscar Holman, S. E. Smith, August Tennyson, Claude Hardison, and Misses Geraldine Parker, Lily Castlebury, Robbie Castlebury, LuCile Holt and Beulah Ladd.

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Ladies 1-2 soles $1.00
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FORMER VERNON MAN KILLED OVER BUSINESS SETTLEMENT

John Tolbert, Jr., a former resident of Vernon, and son of J. H. Tolbert of El Centro, Calif., was shot and instantly killed there last week. The trouble arose over a business settlement and without warning he was killed by the manager as he walked into the place where he had been formerly employed.

Mr. Tolbert is survived by a widow and two children. He is a brother of Miss Lena Tolbert and a nephew of Mrs. Jas. B. Ross and Mrs. J. H. Pettit of this city.

Mrs. Manis Is Hostess.

Mrs. C. C. Manis entertained her Sunday School class Friday afternoon at her home on Bowie and Olive streets. The feature of the afternoon was candy making for the benefit of poor children. Many well-filled stockings were given out.

Rev. J. G. Miller of Durant, Okla., and Rev. A. W. Hall of Weatherford, are in Vernon. They assisted in the conducting of the funeral services for Robert Houssels and were pastors of church formerly attended by Mr. Houssels.

Mrs. Colley Hostess to Musicians.

Mrs. H. O. Colley was hostess to the Musician's Club Wednesday afternoon. The club responded to roll call with names of celebrated composers, singers or violinists. The following program was given: Piano duet (a) Arab Dance, Mathilde-Bilbro (b) Scarf Dance, Chaminade—Mesdames S. P. Ingram and E. A. Vernon; vocal solo, (a) When Love Is Done, Eleanore MacLean (b) Near the Well (Irish Song), Agnes C. Quinlan—Mrs. E. C. Christian; Famous Women in Musical History—Miss Rhoads; piano solo, Impromptu, Lily Strickland—Mrs. Guy Puckett; musical reading, Food For Gossip and Loyalty of Men—Mrs. C. J. Farrell; The Influence of Women on the Great Composers—Mrs. J. O. Rouse; violin solo, Mi Tereseta, Teresa Carreno—Mrs. R. S. McConihe; vocal solo, Little Mother of Mine (sung by McCormack) Mrs. P. W. Hendrix.

Recovering From Operation at Altus.

Miss Mary Katherine Massie is reported recovering nicely from an operation for appendicitis. Miss Massie accompanied her aunt, Miss Grace Massie, who is visiting here from Roswell to Altus to spend Christmas with relatives. On arriving she became seriously ill and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Massie, were notified. They arrived in time for the operation. Mr. and Mrs. Massie and son, Joe, are with her there and Frank, Jr., returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. R. H. Coffee and niece, Miss Mildred McCrary, are in Nolanville on a visit to relatives there.

Condition Still Unsatisfactory.

Mrs. Sam Randall, who underwent an operation Christmas Day, is still in a serious condition.

Youth in Serious Condition.

Lewell, 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Childers, living in northwest Vernon, underwent an operation for appendicitis Wednesday. He is still in a serious condition.

Rev. W. P. Garvin, presiding elder of the Vernon district, will occupy the pulpit of the First Methodist Church here Sunday morning and evening.

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THE VERNON TEA ROOM

Mrs. A. B. Stovall, Proprietress.

New Year Greeting

In extending our most Sincere Good Wishes to the people of Wilbarger County for the New Year, may we suggest that you include in your New Year Resolutions this one—

"THE BOLL WEEVIL SHALL NOT PASS"

We must not permit the Boll Weevil to get a foothold in Wilbarger county. To keep him out will require untiring effort, but it is worth all it costs.

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MEANING

Happy New Year to You

Don't sit supinely on your roost, but come along and help us boost for better things of every kind, and leave your kicking clothes behind.

So let us boost for better streets, and softer beds and better sheets; for smoother lawns and better lights, and shorter winded blatherskites; for finer homes and larger trees, for bats and boots and bumble bees. For better grub and bigger pies, for two more moons to light the skies. And let the Lions' claws be loosed on every man who doesn't boost.

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DRY GOODS
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Cub A. B. Swartwood, "Bailey"

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Cub Keith Berry, "Keith"

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Cub J. V. Owens, "John"

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Cub Jim Jordan, "Jim"

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Cub Gus Ramage, "Gus"

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Cub O. O. McCurdy, "Mack"

GROCER
Cub Adam Donges, "Adam"

DRUGS
Cub Roy McConihe, "Roy"

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Cub J. G. Sherman, "Doc" "Guy"

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Cub G. H. Wheeler, "Wheel"

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Cub W. T. Milam, "Tom"

OUR CREED

L—Loyalty to country, community and home.
I—Individual integrity in thought, word and deed.
O—One flag, one language.
N—New ideals, new hopes, new ambition in business and profession.
S—Service that is founded on the Golden Rule.

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LIONS CLUB
LIBERTY + INTELLIGENCE +
OUR + NATIONS + SAFETY

Our Sloga
L-IBERTY
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THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Vernon, Texas, Friday, Dec. 30, 1921

Candidate For District Judge:
(Subject to action of Democratic Primary.)
M. M. HANKINS, Quanah, Hardeman county.

HELPING OURSELVES IN 1922.

The Childress Index suggests that their Chamber of Commerce assume one task for the coming year—that is to see that every farmer in the county have at least two or three milk cows and from three to a dozen brood sows. A Childress banker suggests the plan of getting baby chicks into the hands of farmers to increase poultry production.

Isn't that a combination for prosperity Is there anything finer than that that a Chamber of Commerce could do?

Adam Donges says that the Plainview country's big crop is poultry. And this is a sure crop. Wet or dry seasons effect it less than any other crop. It requires relatively small capital and is specially suitable for intensive "cultivation."

All this means that, as a whole, there would be no "crop failures;" and that instead of farming a section, most men would use only perhaps a twentieth of that amount. This would tend to increase population three, four, or even ten fold.

The poultry marketed at Plainview brings in more money, it is said, than their wheat, or than any other single crop. It was about $1,500,000 in 1921.

All of these considerations make a plan similar to that of Childress and to the Hale county plan for intensive poultry growing inestimably desirable for Wilbarger county. Figure, if you can, what it would mean to all of us if Wilbarger county farmers might market $1,500,000 of poultry in a year, a third that many hogs, and even a quarter of a million dollars worth of cream!

PUT YOUR MONEY IN THE BANK.

In a recent issue the Washington Evening Star comments on the robbery of an eccentric herb doctor at Delta, Ohio, of $29,000 which he carried in a pocketbood in preference to investing a little in government securities or depositing it the money in a bank. This sum represented of the old man's lifetime savings. $200,000. The line of reasoning has fortunately, a town, and there are now comschool has just re- people who distrust prominent citi- to hoard their savtold me that them about personally large and old cupboards and sugar demands. Our s- loose bricks, and ever, that we could Banks are reequip our high scho- Mayor and city secre- secure than any terday that the full ha found. can issue at this time is real to bring $194,000. That is bas people. The year's valuation of propert through one knows that property has declined in value at least 25 the present year which, if true, would reduce proportionately the amount we could issue.

Not Enough for Both.

"Suppose we issue $100,000 bonds that

first-class security at that rate, he would be $1,740 to the good every year. Or, if he put it in the bank in a savings account at 3 per cent his annual return would be $870, compounding. In other words, he was losing at least $870 a year whether he kept the money safely or not, losing it just as surely as though somebody had taken it from him. Now he has lost principal as well as interest.

POOR OLD MEXICO.

This is the story of a day: "One Witness Saw Twelve Men Hanging;" "Man Seriously Wounded After Argument at Mexia;" "Two Are Killed as Relatives Battle;" "Five Autos Seized by Dry Law Officers Sold;" "Woman Fatally Beaten at Yantis;" "Public Warned to Keep Away from Mail Car;" "Negro Bank Messenger Robbed of $8,000;" "Two Bandits Get $4,000 from Bank at Arkansas;" "State Takes Hand in Wilson Killings;" "Arlington Man Shot;" "Masked Men Get $2,000 from Bank in Oklahoma;" "Ex-officer is Acquitted of Murder of His Wife;" "Extra Policemen at Sherman;" "Unknown Woman is Found Unconscious;" "20,000,000 Counterfeit Revenue Stamps Seized;" "Hassell is Facing Two More Charges;" "Tulsa Mob Fails to Get Three Prisoners;" "Ranger Policemen Ordered Oust Bootleggers"—but why consume space. Mexico is a lawless Republic. For the sake of the fathers and clinging ever to the early traditions of the republic it will never do to recognize the Aztec Republic.—Wichita Record-News.

Referring to the fact that Earl Grey, one of England's greatest men, who has been practically blind as a result of over work some years ago, is recovering his sight since becoming engaged to Lady Glenconner—Jess Adams of Plainview observes that "falling in love with a widow is calculated to open a man's eyes."

PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE FIRM ENJOYS GOOD BUSINESS

Two years ago the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of California with Dewey Wilson as manager went into the field for prospects in Wilbarger county. Since that time with Vernon as the head office they have branched out into twelve counties.

Dewey Wilson is district agent and Homer Wilson a brother is special agent. Mrs. Dewey Wilson who assists in the office has the business at her finger tips and is credited with much of the success the company has enjoyed here. She has charge of all correspondence and by a system entirely her own finds new prospects for the firm.

Both the manager and special agent have qualified, in the first half of the year for the trip to New Orleans, in March, which is a yearly event staged by the head offices in California in some large city. Last year the agents were invited to San Francisco for this annual affair. The Wilsons were gone on that trip six weeks.

The company's slogan and business agreement is "It pays five ways, for sickness, accident, permanent and total disability, old age and death. 4 while you live and 1 when you die."

OIL COMPANY ESTABLISHED IN 1902 DOES BIG BUSINESS

The Vernon Cotton Oil Company was established here in 1902 and the oil mill property occupies ten acres. Situated just north of the Denver tracks and near the freight depot, the company has excellent facilities for loading their products.

J. O. Bomer of Brownsville, Tenn. is president of the company and Daniel Boud is secretary-treasurer and general manager. C. A. Kressenberg is the mill superintendent. P. W. Hendrix is cashier and Clark Ish is assistant cashier.

The company employs 65 to 70 men and the pay roll runs $1,100 per week for labor. In 1917, this corporation made some extensive improvements about the property; the mill was remodeled and enlarged, the new seed house was built and the office of red brick was erected. This improvement increased the capactiy of the mill. The mill is six presses capacity and oil, cake, meal, hulls and linters are turned out. On account of the mild winter, the cattlemen who are heavy buyers have so far not purchased heavily, cake, meal and hulls.

The linters, that is the short lint cotton baled up is yet on the yards because of no demand for same. During the war the government had a contract with the mills to take all they had at a fancy figure. This cotton was used in making high explosives. This company since the war has managed to dispose of about half a dozen bales at a price that will not pay for the ties and bagging used.

FEMININE AGENCY MAKES GOOD

Mrs. Eugene Keltz Was Taking Magazine Subscriptions Until Profitable Field Opens

Mrs. Eugene Keltz with offices over the Wide-A-Wake store at the corner of Pease and Main, is the first woman of this city to enter the real estate business. Three years ago she was taking magazine subscriptions when a friend who was about to lose a place by foreclosure asked her to try and sell her home. She closed the trade in three days and made $100. The next two months she made $1,000.

When the oil boom came, to oblige another woman friend, she undertook to sell some acreage. This she did with in a short time. The first thirty days after the Sigler well came in she made ten thousand dollars. The quickest sale made by her was when she sold out an entire sub-divisiom in thirty-six hours.

Business is brightening up now along the lines she deals in, town and country property. Mrs. Keltz "salted" some of this easily earned money in Vernon and Wilbarger real estate and says she is looking ahead for the next oil rush.

Record classified ads bring results.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Youngblood of West Wilbarger street have as their guest this week, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Youngblood and children of Paducah and Mrs. Rayburn Kimberlin and son Ray of Altus, Okla.

LUMBER COMPANY HERE MANY YEARS

WM. CAMERON FIRM COMES TO VERNON SOON AFTER RAILROAD

Wm. Cameron and Company was one of the first lumber companies to follow the call of the Denver. It set up soon after the arrival of the railroad but left later when the dry years came. But returned in the '80s.

The records of this company were burned sixteen years ago and much of the history of this firm perished. For thirty years, citizens of Oklahoma and Texas have been buying lumber at this place.

Peck Manager Long Time.

H. W. Houk was manager in 1906. He was succeeded by A. P. Peck who remained manager so long that most people of the town and county remember no other. Fred Gardner took Mr. Peck's place but resigned one year ago when the present manager, James A. Jordon of Berncastle, Germany, arrived to assume the duties of that office.

Mr. Jordon's home was in Dallas but when the army of occupation began to receive discharges and ceased to be guardian of the Kaiser, Mr. Jordon wired the home office for his old job which he had previously held at Memphis. He spent four days with home folks in Dallas and came on to Vernon.

At present Mr. Jordon is assisted by Floyd Monday. The Cameron Lumber company occupies one-half block and is situated on Cumberland street.

ABBOTT WINS FLORIDA TRIP FROM INSURANCE COMPANY

Leland Abbott, of Amarillo, a former Vernon man and son of Mrs. A. Allison, recetly qualified for a trip to Miami, Florida. The prize was given by the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company for writing $100,000.00 worth of insurance. Mr. Abbott has only been with the company three months.

He is home for the holidays but will leave January 1 on his trip to the South.

GROCERIES

It is good business to pay as you go, so why not start the New Year right by paying cash for your eats?

There is satisfaction in knowing that there are no grocery bills to pay on the first of the month.

My stock is new, my store is clean, my price is right, my service is courteous and quick and every purchase is appreciated.

I solicit a portion, at least, of your grocery business for the ensuing year.

With the Season's Greetings, I am,

Yours truly,

J. C. Smith, Groceries

CASH AND CARRY

Phone 741 — 1st. Door West Farmers State Bank

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

I wish to extend to the ladies of Vernon and surrounding country my sincere thanks for their patronage this past season. Especially do I thank my friends and old customers who so liberally patronized me. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year—

NAYLOR'S MILLINERY

USED CAR BARGAINS

1 Dodge Brothers Touring Car..$250.00
1 Dodge Brothers Touring Car..$415.00
1 Dodge Brothers Touring Car..$600.00
1 Ford Coupe $395.00

All of these cars are in excellent condition and we will stand behind our cars and work. Take advantage of these bargains as they are real hard-time buys. Good batteries, good tires, good tops and good values for every cent that is asked for them. Terms.

Happy New Year

J. A. McFall

Phone 444 — 330 N. Main St.

New Year Greetings

We extend to our Friends and Customers GREETINGS for the New Year—thanking you heartily for the most prized of all favors —your patronage during 1921.
We hope you will continue to trade at the same old PLACE during 1922, where you will always be TREATED RIGHT.
We are headquarters for School Supplies, Oil and Gas. We sell the Famous VERA-BEST Flour, and sure that a trial will make a REGULAR CUSTOMER of you.

Oklaunion Grocery Company

General Merchandise
Oklaunion, Teas

WITH EVERYBODY FACING THE NEW YEAR we take this occasion to extend Greetings to our Friends and Customers. ¶ May your days be PEACEFUL and your hands be BUSY at Pleasant and Profitable employment during 1922—what better wish can we make for you?

Remember the Poultry Show in Vernon, January 13 and 14

CROW SISTERS

A New Year Suggestion

—Our faith in Wilbarger county and its future impels us to make the suggestion that the most successful business is always the one having the most complete equipment—Poor equipment is an expensive handicap, whether it be worn-out plows, spavined power, or a tumble-down barn or home. That is why we urge you to PUT THE OLD PLACE SHIP-SHAPE for the New Year.

—Making the HOME COMFORTABLE, the Barn weather-proof, or the Fences "hog-tight and bull strong" is an INVESTMENT THAT PAYS wonderfully big dividends in the increased value of your place, no less than in happiness and contentment for yourself and family.

—Let us help you with building suggestions that do not involve any obligation on your part—they're FREE.

Quality ——— Service ——— Satisfaction

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

Jim Jordan, Manager
Vernon, Texas

Automobile Section

IT TOOK A STOUT HEART TO RUN ONE IN THE OLD DAYS

Owners of Automobiles Forced to Alight and Lead Teams Past Thing of Terror — Ernest Hampton Wins Recognition as First Owner—Approach Could Be Heard For Miles.

In 1906 there was ushered in a new era for Wilbarger county for that year automobiles made their appearance in Vernon. True, once before one had passed swiftly through the town headed west. And once before one had sojourned two weeks in the village and had been examined and passed on by the "leading citizens" as a thing of evil, because it frightened teams. But this one had come to make its home in the community and really belonged to the town. It was a thing to which one might point with pride.

Ernest Hampton was the owner of this "boat" and it was fearfully and wonderfully made. The owner resides in Vernon today and only a few years ago scrapped this car. The machine was an Oldsmobile, one-cylinder, equipped with solid tires, dry cell batteries and kerosene lights and had no doors. The steering device was shaped like a walking stick.

Could Hear A'Coming.

The engine was under the seat. It is needless to remark that it was not equipped with a self-starter. The car also possessed a large and raucous voice that could be heard for several blocks on a windy day. There was a seat for two passengers, but one walked and pushed most of the time. Its elegant lines were still farther enhanced by the full leather top that adorned it and the price, f. o. b. wherever it came from, was $750.

The second car was owned by Guy Waggoner, who outstripped Mr. Hampton by purchasing a car with two cylinders, a Columbia five-passenger. When Mr. Waggoner bought this car, he bought trouble with it. He owned a farm, north of Pease river, and as no bridge spanned it at the lower crossing at that time, the owner handed over many a five dollar bill to some man with a mule team to pull him across the deep sand.

Hold That Horse's Head!

When the cranky object reached the hill above the river and headed toward the ranch, it was sure to meet some man with a team that had never been introduced to this fiery demon, and forthwith would ensue a battle between the scared team and the man. Thereupon Mr. Waggoner would alight and obligingly lead the animals past the thing of terror, the owner of the team meanwhile threatening him with the law. Mr. Waggoner would then crank the car and resume his journey, to be halted possibly several times during the short trip. Some of the drivers of these frisky steeds were not courageous to hold their ground, and old Kit and Beck, with both hands, would tie up the team when they espied Mr. Waggoner in the distance, and would seek safety by rolling under a fence until he went tearing by.

'TWAS ENOUGH TO MAKE A PREACHER SAY THINGS UNDER HIS BREATH

Although automobiles have come to stay and the public is awake to their convenience, at one time, not many years ago, they were looked upon with a scorn and suspicion. Ministers assailed them from the pulpit, citizens tried to have laws made to keep them off the highways, in fact, they were thought to be nuisances, devices of Satan, snares for the ungodly and toys of the idle rich.

At a certain church in this county where meetings were held under a brush arbor, about the time the preacher would get in a fair way of explaining the scriptures, far down the road he would see the carbide lights twinkling right merrily as one of his congregation a little more abreast of the times than the others would come into sight.

Horses "Rared Up."

Men would forget the sermon and dash wildly out to hold their horses not because the elephants were coming, but because greater menace was upon them. The owners would swing onto the bridles of the "broom tails" until they quieted down, and then would trail slowly back to hear the minister. The parson sometimes heatedly denounced automobiles vehemently. Of course, when the meeting was over, the congregation waited until the car and owner went chugging out of sight.

Once a year a picnic, known as the May picnic, is held near Doans. For some time those who had the picnic in charge thought it would be advisable to ask owners of automobiles to refrain from attending the picnic or else come in a sane manner as their fathers had done. A compromise was finally reached with the owners of the cars by asking them to leave early, before the crowd started home.

Had To Leave Cars.

As the picnic is held in a grove behind a hill and the cars could not have climbed back up the steep incline, they parked at the top. It was several years before a chauffeur had the courage to take a car down into the picnic grounds. At last this was done and bets were freely exchanged as to whether he would return to the top of the hill under his own power or by mule strength.

Was Runaway Buggy.

The first car that attempted to cross Red river at the Doans crossing went through there, according to the inhabitants, about 1906 or possibly 1907. One resident, who lives there now and drives her own car, relates her experience on seeing this automobile pass.

There was an awful roar far down the road that runs by her home, and she ran out, expecting a runaway team. What was her horror to discover what looked to be a buggy running away without any horse attached to the vehicle. She ran screaming into the house, gathering up her children as she ran.

Was Terrifying Sight.

An old woman who was spending the day, was her only help at this time. She ran to her and screamed "Grandma, come quick and see this awful sight, here is a buggy running away with itself."

The grandmother hobbled to the door and peered out. "La, child!" she exclaimed as she peered down the road, "that's a horseless carriage, an automobile. I saw one in Gainesville when I visited my daughter last summer."

The little red car drew up with a grand flourish in front of the town store, and an admiring audience was already assembled to greet it. The occupants were a man and woman, on their way from Sweetwater to Altus, Okla. The strangest part of the incident then occurred. The wonder car crossed Red river under its own power!

AUTO THIEVES REAP HARVEST

Statistics Show That 70,000 Cars Have Been Stolen This Year

By EDWARD THIERRY

New York, Dec. 30.—Automobile thieves are reaping the biggest harvest in history. Best estimates show cars stolen this year will number 70,000; their total value being $70,000,000.

Insurance companies say depression impelled many to abandon high-priced cars and collect insurance for their "theft."

Carelessness of automobile owners is another big factor. Tests revealed that most owners do not lock their cars.

Detectives made a test in New York streets. They counted 84 cars which were equipped with locks, 66 of which were not locked.

"It is no wonder that insurance companies are tightening up the restrictions on automobile insurance," said W. P. Young, secretary of the national automobile underwriters conference. Fifteen per cent off is given if the car is equipped with a lock. What good is the best car in the world if it isn't locked?"

A tremendous increase in automobile thefts is shown by figures for New York City, and for nine eastern and New England states.

Thefts have more than doubled in 1921 over 1920. Fewer stolen cars are recovered.

Thirty thousand automobiles were stolen in 28 large cities during 1920; Chicago leading with 5,500 and New York next with 5,200. This total has greatly increased during 1921.

Water or loose dirt in the carburetor through unstrained gasoline will cause trouble, in which case flush the carburetor and let out the dirt and water through the petcock in the base.

OLD STUDEBAKER GOES 250,000 MILES DURING LIFETIME

Car Owned by Dr. R. W. Hix Brought From Fort Worth in 1909—Driven For Ten Years and Was Still Hitting on Four —Made Into Runabout—Final Resting Place at Odell.

For age and reliability the palm must be yielded to the famous old car belonging to R. W. Hix of Vernon. This Studebaker was bought in Fort Worth November 1, 1909. Dr. Hix went to Fort Worth to purchase this machine, and he and Earl Vernon, a former resident of this city and a brother of A. N. Vernon, drove it home. They made the trip in one day and found the roads sand beds and gullies nearly all the way.

Dr. Hix says good time was made near Decatur when they hit it up quite lively, going sometimes as fast as forty-five miles an hour, which he asserts was a trifle too fast for him.

Car Cost $1,300.

The car, when first rolled out of the factory was blue black in color, four passenger and four cylinder. Without top, speedometer and windshield, the automobile cost $1,300. With the other little adjuncts mentioned it reached $1,500.

The cushions were "thrown in" and were of real, "sure enough" leather. They are in splendid condition today. Dr. Hix has cushioned one of the chairs in his office with one and uses it at the present.

Car's Appearance Altered.

After the car lost its newness the back seats were removed and it was turned into a runabout, a more convenient conveyance for the work in which its owner was engaged. Dr. Hix drove this car for ten years and one month, and estimates that he traveled 250,000 miles in this faithful old machine. At the end of that time it was still "hitting on all four."

Dr. Hix gave this car to his daughter, Mrs. Ellen Tombs of Odell, but it stood idle one year, in the physician's back yard, out in all kinds of weather.

Resting Place At Odell.

At the end of that time George Hix pressed it into service and after running it for some time, broke the crank case. He traded it to Mr. Gable of Odell where it reposes in peace behind a garage at that place.

Dr. Hix is one of the first settlers in this county and has practiced medicine many years here. He has worn out many horses as well as this old car, but says he became as much attached to the old Studebaker as though it had been really flesh and blood instead of a thing of metal, wood, and leather.

WENT UP CONDON HILL ON HIGH—UNHEARD OF FEAT

Roads were as bad in the early days as they are now, and streets were even worse. Many people hesitated before buying cars long after they were convinced that they really wanted one because of this condition.

It was reported at one time that the first car that ever took Condon hill, near Hill Crest, on high was a Ford. However, that was considered quite a feat.

Roads Discourage Owners.

In the Odell country, the sandy roads were so bad that several citizens in that vicinity decided they couldn't get out of their own community if they purchased cars. At last Dr. A. C. Daniel summoned up courage and appeared in a Reo one-cylinder.

Soon after, Clum Bell and B. D. Smith in a Ford and an R. C. H. began to buy gasoline and have tire troubles also. Others purchasing automobiles soon after were: W. T. Collins, Chas. Koster, J. M. White and J. P. Hamilton. Today nearly every family in that community rides in a car. Automobiles have made the roads in Wilbarger county.

Pulled It On High

Along about 1913, sand was so deep on West Paradise street that a banker who lived on that street said he would not hesitate to buy a car, if he could ever find the make that could pull the sand on high gear by his residence.

Some enterprising salesman, while others tried and failed, made the grade and the banker kept his word.

MOTOR APPARATUS ARRIVES IN 1912

PRIOR TO THEN FIRE DEPARTMENT DEPENDED UPON MAN POWER

The first motor driven fire fighting apparatus in Vernon was purchased and delivered in August, 1912. This was an American La France, 70 horse power car and was called a combination chemical and hose motor.

Until that time the company did not even use horse power for its work but depended upon man power to pull its equipment, or to hitch to the vehicle of some friend.

New Additions Last Year.

In 1920 another chemical engine, a Dodge, thirty horse power, was purchased. Later there was installed another American La France, combination hose and pump motor, with a capacity of 750 gallons per minute.

SHOULD PRESERVE GRAVITY.

J. W. Leak Says Batteries Will Otherwise Freeze In Extremely Cold Weather.

When the gravity of a battery is permitted to run down in the neighborhood of 11.50 in extremely cold weather, this part of a car's equipment will freeze. This sentiment was voiced by J. W. Leak who operates a battery service station on East Wilbarger street. When this condition occurs, Mr. Leak remarked, the car should either be driven more or the battery should be taken to some station and recharged.

The local service station proprietor branded the cause of most battery trouble as "overwork and underfeeding. "When the generator is putting out too low an amperage," he remarked, "the electrical system of the car will go wrong."

Good care of the car and regular watering of batteries were denoted by Mr. Leak as the principal activities an owner can do to keep his car in good running order. Periodical visits to service stations, he said, will avoid trouble which will grow into serious proportions if neglected.

DODGE AGENCY SELLS 114 AUTOMOBILES

M'FALL BROTHERS ENJOY FINE BUSINESS SINCE OPENING HERE.

The McFall Brothers like the Dodge Brothers have been engaged in the sale of this car since the first model was put on the market. In 1914, the franchise was taken by the McFalls before the specifications of the Dodge car had been given out to the public.

They bought $250,000 worth with the only knowledge that the Dodge Brothers were going to build this automobile. At that time, the Dodge people were noted for their reliability as to building cars and parts; having been associated with Henry Ford in his factory and also stockholders in the company until they went into business for themselves.

Sold 114 Since Opening.

July 1, 1919, Ernest Hampton, a long time resident of this city opened up for business and since the establishment of this agency by him $146,627.30 gross amount of business has been done by the company here.

Since opening, 78 new cars have been sold and the sales record of used cars has been 36. One of the first cars sold and purchased by G. L. Ham is now owned and operated by J. E. Lockett of Vernon. N. R. Heath also owns one of the earlier make of this machine.

Firse Car Down Death Valley.

This car noted for its endurance and "staying qualities" was the first automobile to go down into Death Valley and emerge again under its own power. At that time the model was not so handsome as now. Their new Sedan is as beautiful as it is dependable. Upholstered in a subdued gray with wide comfortable cushions, a foot warmer near the rear seat with heat supplied from the engine, anti rattler doors and windows, mahogony finished wood work, electrically lighted, front cushions undivided holds one secure from "northers" sand storms and rain.

The mechanical details are being worked out each year to make this type of car more efficient and durable. Experts work at this as chemists toil in laboratories to invent new ways to combat diseases.

J. M. McFall and J. A. McFall have associated with them here beside Ernest Hampton, their first agent; H. M. Lisman, R. T. McKee and Walter Lignan. The company is comfortably located at their sales rooms at 330 North Main where models of the Dodge are displayed.

THINKS AUTOMOBILE DESERVES PLACE IN HALL OF FAME

T. J. Youngblood Says Mechanism Was as Intricate as Swiss Watch—Trip to Colorado Results in Wealth of Troubles—Forced to Send Ballast Back—Car Finally Blows Up.

T. J. Youngblood, who owned a Carter car for his first automobile, claims that in a way his car was nearly as famous as Dr. Hix's old Studebaker. This car had a friction drive, and because of its wonderful makeup was as complicated as a Swiss watch.

Once Mr. Youngblood loaded in six passangers and a thousand pounds of baggage and started this grand machine to cool Colorado. All went merry as a marriage bell until he reached the first sand when he realized he had better throw out a little ballast. Accordingly on reaching Quanah, he shipped his shot gun back to Vernon.

At every station more of his equipment went home. On reaching Amarillo, he was horrified to discover that he had in some manner broken a set screw in some part of the "thing's" anatomy.

Puzzled By Situation.

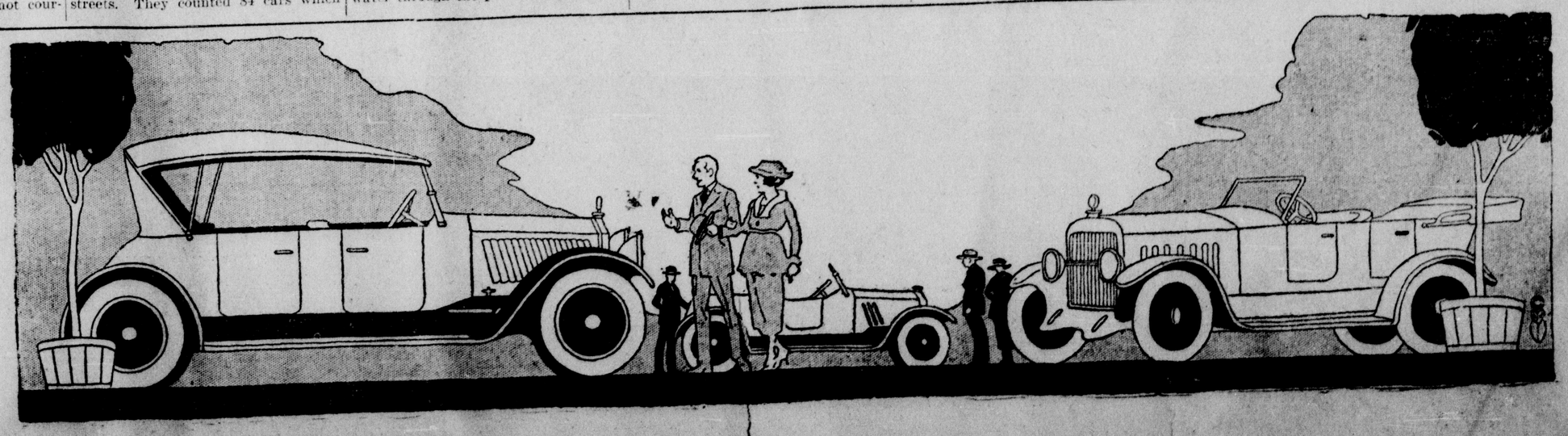
He was in a quandry what to do. So he decided to have the screw taken out and replaced. This delayed him fifteen hours and cost him about fifty dollars.

The owner believed that if the screw was not replaced that the car would blow up. He found out afterwards that the screw, like an appendix had nothing to do with the running gears.

"Send More Fibre"

The party proceeded on its way without a single blow out to Colorado or back to Vernon, but had every other kind of trouble that flesh is heir to. On account of the friction drive, it became necessary at frequent intervals to have the fibre replaced, and while away from home the owner's friends declared every telegram from him read "Send more fibre."

Mr. Youngblood says repairs were $1,500, and after making a delivery car of the machine, it blew up and refused, haughtily to serve in that capacity. He afterwards sold the old brass on it for $25.



FORTY FARMERS OWN FORDSON TRACTORS

NAPIER BROTHERS SELL FIVE HUNDRED FORDS IN WILBARGER COUNTY.

Napier Brothers located on North Main street an authorized Ford agency, took over the business known as the T. H. Shive Motor Company, July 1918. Since that time with factory closed down during the war, prohibitive freight rates, slow shipments and low price of cotton; this company has sold over 500 cars and 40 Fordson tractors.

Fordson tractors. In 1921, they sold 150 cars and sixteen tractors. Receipts for accessories alone for Ford cars average $25,000.00 yearly.

The Napier Brothers occupy a building 90 by 110 and is used exclusively for their shop work, sales rooms and office. No cars are stored and no other accessories are sold only for tractors and Ford cars. Over $15,000 worth of acessories are in stock here at all times. No tedious delays are experienced by the owners of Fords or

Ford cars are cheaper by $5.00 than ever in the history of the Ford age. A plain touring car is $355.00 f. o. b. Detroit. The lowest price was $360.00. Now step in the freight rates and war tax and the man who owns a Ford pays for this make of car $441.78. The touring car with starter is priced at $514.63 delivered in Vernon.

The repair shop it is stated is the best arranged and most commodious business of that kind in West Texas. They repair Fords and Fordsons exclusively. Innes McCrary, a Vernon product is head foreman and other mechanics are Walter Bildstein, Morgan Lindley, A. H. Haley, and Clayton Messick.

The Napier Brothers are three in number; J. Myatt Napier is the business manager and has charge of the office, Joe A. Napier has general supervision over the shops and Sam M. Napier has charge of the accessory department.

Posted Notice.

This is to notify the public that my place three miles northeast of Vernon is posted according to law and all persons hunting or trespassing on same will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

93-Stp ED S. SMITH.

FIXIT SHOP CAN FIX IT.

D. Estes Commenced In Modest Way But Business Grew By Leaps And Bounds.

D's Fixit Shop was established by D. Estes in 1915 and is located on east Wilbarger street. The first years of the life of this shop were devoted to general mending, and the sale of bicycle tires. Later Mr. Estes turned his attention to the automobile accessory line, and has entered other branches, also.

During the World War, the owner virtually shut up shop and joined the colors. For eighteen months he served at Austin, in the mechanical personnel department of the Aviation Corps. At the end of the war, he returned and took up his work again.

Mr. Estes handles Firestone, Santa Fe, Edison and Oldfield tires, automobile accessories, general lathe and radiator work, does acetylene welding, and makes and fits keys of all descriptions. As the name of the firm implys, he does a general line of repair work.

KNOWLEDGE FOR CAR OWNERS.

The old-fashioned way of draining the water system at night and filling in the morning with hot water is good. A more advanced method of getting heat to the engine is by using a radiator heater. Do not forget the garage heater and the anti-freeze.

The radiator hose connections in the water system of the engine should be frequently inspected. Ofttimes these hose connections look fair on the outside, but they are bad on the inside. When the walls of the hose become decayed they have a tendency to swell and close, thereby preventing proper circulation.

The radiator hose connection can be made secure against leakage throughout the life of the car, by the use of a section of inner tube instead of the regular joint. Double the tube back upon itself for the length of the connection and secure it by the special clamps. This will withstand all vibration.

When you are looking over the tires on your car don't forget the spare you are carrying behind. Unless it is covered to protect it from light, water, oil and heat, it will rapidly deteriorate. These four enemies of rubber will take the life out of any rubber product in a short time. It is imporiant to make sure that the spare tire is fastened tightly to the carrier. If there is any play in the fastenings there will be constant rubbing against the casing and consequently injury to it.

Unless the piping is tight there is danger of excessive vibration which will strain the connections of the intake pipe and cause them to leak, making the engine miss, hesitate and possibly backfire, or at least run irregularly on low speeds.

In making any adjustment, it is important that the party making the adjustment shall positively know what effect will follow the turning of an adjustment screw in either direction, and also how much effect is to be expected from one or more turns of the screw.

ROBINSON SALES FOR YEAR GRATIFYING

NATIONAL BUICK FIRM, TOO, HAS GREATEST VOLUME FOR YEARS

The Robinson Motor Company, on the corner of Cumberland and Wilbarger streets, has been in business in Vernon four years. The concern is agent for the Buick automobile and has disposed of fifteen cars in twelve months. These cars average in price eighteen hundred dollars, so that twenty-seven thousand dollars have swelled the Robinson coffers from this source alone in the last year.

In recognition of the fact that Buick transacted the greatest volume of business during the past year, the concern was awarded first place at the National automobile shows. The figures on which the award were based comprised only the six cylinder cars. This goes to prove, Mr. Robinson states; that Buick is the largest builder of six cylinder automobiles in the world.

Leads In Innovation.

The Buick is acknowledged to be the first car to use the valve-in-head motor. The new six cylinder is considered as fine a piece of mechanism as any competitor in this class. Buick is also turning out a very creditable four cylinder car that is much admired by automobile fans.

The repair department of the Robinson Motor Company is presided over by W. R. Edwards and D. Davis. The concern handles Kelly-Springfield and Firestone tires, and the Texas gasoline and oil.

HARDY VERNON ADVENTURERS OUTRIVAL EARLY PIONEERS

In 1911 R. L. (Bob) More and C. R. (Dick) Staley, in a Hup 32, set sail for the golden west. At that time the adventure seemed to the inhabitants of this country to be a very hazardous and long one. True, such things had been done but up to that time no one had started out from Vernon on a trip of exploration as these two venturesome souls were about to do.

Lewis and Clarke explorations seemed very tame in comparison. Those pioneers had journeyed leisurely along by ox team and afoot, while these two men were about to risk their lives in an automobile. Several shook their heads and gravely prophesied the local men might never return unless in pieces.

Through Trackless Desert.

Mr. More and Mr. Staley went by the way of El Paso, New Mexico, and Yuma, Arizona. They reached San Diego after a hard trip of eleven days, a distance of 1,759 miles. Part of their way was through trackless deserts, and they traveled for miles without seeing any sign of inhabitants.

Once in eastern New Mexico the travelers started to cross a dry arroya when in the distance they heard a roaring. They knew that this ravine had its source in the mountains, and deemed it might be a head rise from a water spout. The men thought it the better plan to wait and watch developments.

Marooned By Flood.

In a few moments the flood arrived and in a short time became a raging torrent, fifty or sixty feet deep. The Vernon adventurers were forced to camp far back on the hills for two days before the flood subsided. As they were 150 miles from a railroad they were glad they "awaited developments." Their lives might have been spared but the car would have been lost.

At one place the travelers paid 50 cents per gallon for gasoline. It was 9 cents in Vernon at that time.

The travelers returned to Vernon in due time full of their adventure, but determined to permit other stout hearts to blaze trails in the future.

NEW CONCERN SPECIALIZES IN BATTERY TROUBLES

A new concern, the Quality Tire & Battery Service Company, with J. L. Shows of Electra as manager, is located at 201 South Main street. Mr. Shows was formerly with the Texas Company at Electra, but came here three months ago to engage in business for himself.

This concern handles the Hawkeye 6,000 and 8,000 mile tires, rebuilds batteries and tires and ferrets out any ignition trouble. Mr. Shows sells Exide batteries.

In certain cars it is necessary to remove the floor boards in order to lubricate the clutch throw-out collar. As a consequence many car owners neglect this important item of lubrication until trouble in the unit makes it necessary. In cases of this kind where no provision has been made for lubrication by having a grease cup that extends up through the floor boards, it is wise to install an oil line to feed this part. This can be done by arranging a large oil cup to feed through a small opening into a metal pipe running to the throw-out collar.

Dry cells should be wired together from the zinc of one cell to the carbon of the next in the series.

FIRST POWER HEARSE ON VERNON STREETS IN 1917

In February, 1917, the first motor driven hearse appeared on the streets of this city. This was and is the property of T. J. Youngblood, for it is still in service today. J. M. Underwood undertaker, recently added an ambulance to his business, and the firm has ceased to use horse drawn vehicles in its work.

Formerly a funeral some miles in the country required a whole day to be brought to a conclusion.

"TIGHTEN THOSE LOOSE WHEELS"

Dollar Saved Dollar Made

I can tighten your loose wheel where it is about to fall to pieces, and make it as good as new, at a very reasonable price.

D. Estes

East Wilbarger

Make YOUR New Year Resolve

to trade with

The Exide Battery Service Station

VULCANIZING AND IGNITION

a Specialty

HAWKEYE —— 6,000 and 8,000 Mile —— TIRES

"More Miles for Less Money"

QUALITY TIRE & BATTERY CO.

201 South Main Street

Vernon, Texas

VALVE-IN-HEAD Buick MOTOR CARS

Your Foot on a Buick Brake Gets Results

Buick brakes, like Buick cars, don't fail. Easy to operate, easy to adjust, positive in their action—Buick brakes provide that factor of safety so necessary today. Buick invites comparison.

PRICES		PRICES	
22-4-34	$935.00	22-6-46	$2135.00
22-4-35	975.00	22-6-47	2435.00
22-4-36	1475.00	22-6-48	2325.00
22-4-37	1650.00	22-6-49	1735.00
22-6-44	1495.00	22-6-50	2635.00
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AUTHORIZED Buick SERVICE Emblem of Satisfaction

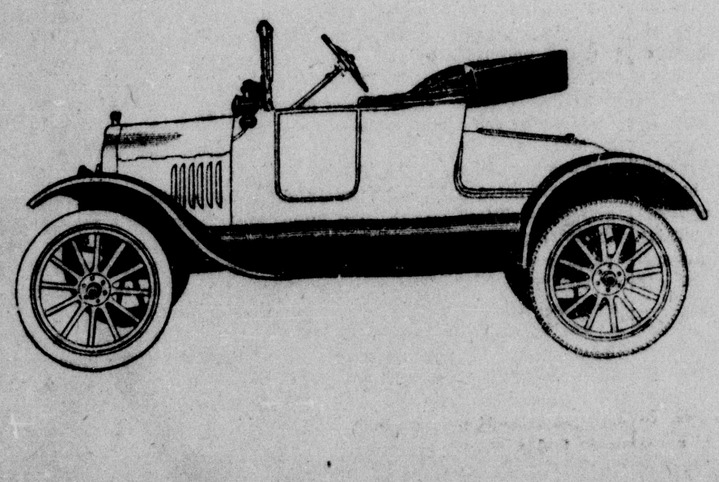
F. O. B. Flint, Mich.

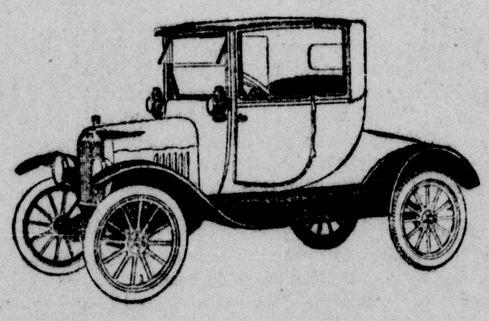
ROBINSON MOTOR CO.

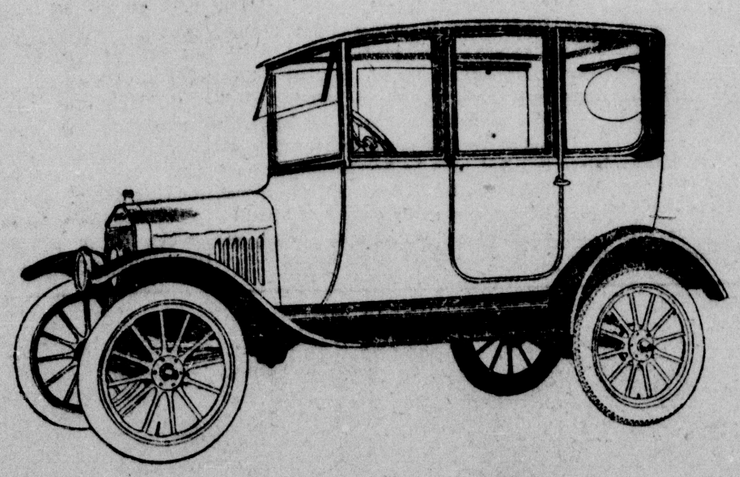
WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

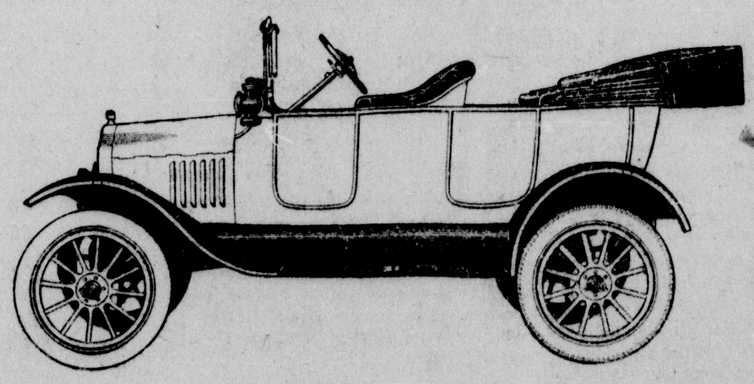
Ford

THE UNIVERSAL CAR









We wish all our friends a happy and prosperous New Year

NAPIER BROS. MOTOR CO.

R. L. MORE GIVEN FIRST NUMBER ON COUNTY RECORDS

Little Two-Cylinder Maxwell Wins Premier Honor In Wilbarger—One by One Owners Desert Steeds for Automobiles—Prevalence Now Makes Old-Timer Look Under Bed.

October 19, 1908, registration of cars was started in Wilbarger county. Several pioneers, who had owned cars for two years, did not register until far down the line.

On the records transfers of many cars failed to manifest themselves, as the new owners did not come and have them recorded.

Number 1 to R. L. More

R. L. More secured number 1, a designation that was nearly as highly prized as the first poll tax issued to a woman in this county. His car was a little two-cylinder Maxwell, red in color, and a runabout. Pitts and Hampton obtained number 2 with a two-cylinder Jackson. Number 3 was given to J. D. Summerour and afterwards owned by Dr. Howard, who said that if the thing got in an inch and one-half of sand, "it wouldn't pull the hat off your head."

Dodson and Dodson abandoned their fine horses and buggies in which they had made so many hurry calls all over the county to accept number 4. Drs. Hix and Garland came out with number 5, a Maxwell run-about, in which to visit their patients, and Dr. H. H. Rhoads took out number 16, another Maxwell.

Dr. J. C. King, of Harrold, not to be outdone by the city physicians, purchased a Maxwell also, and with number 11 displayed on the rear of his car, started out across the wide prairies.

Trade Store For Car.

R. A. Kelly registered number 6, a Jackson; J. F. Holt, number 7, a Maxwell; T. M. Hott, number 8, a Pope Toledo, 40 horse power; T. L. Pierce, number 9, a red Wayne 30; number 10 went to C. R. Staley, a pioneer among automobile owners. It was a fifty-horsepower Thomas Flyer, for which Mr. Staley says he traded a general merchandise store. Dr. R. W. Hix, on his well-known Studebaker E. M. F. showed the number 14.

C. S. McCulloch showed his fortitude and bravery in those perilous times by placing on his new Fuller, with green body and red running gear, truly a bright spot on the landscape, the number 13, supposed to bring misfortune and doubly so when adorning an automobile.

The Fletcher sisters were the first women in the county to own a machine, number 18, a high wheeled Fuller. Since that time they have never been without an automobile. In later years their favorite make has been the Hupmobile.

T. J. Youngblood, A. C. Boger and J. H. Kincheloe, in the early days tried to plow the sands of the county in Carter Cars.

Other Early Owners

Some other early motorists and their cars were E. M. Leutwyler, Overland; Daniel Bond, Hudson two passenger; John Brownlee, Harrold, Buick; John Coffee, Maxwell; E. H. Pigg, Overland; Ed Nyeum, Maxwell; H. E. Key, E. M. F.

What about Fords? One of the first of the now famous make was owned by Bill Day, a citizen of Vernon. It appeared upon the streets of the city about 1907. The first recorded car of this make was number 22, bought by J. G. Ayers May 16, 1910. It was a five-passenger touring car, body and running gear green, 20 horse power, and the name was spelled Foard. The supposition is that the deputy clerk thought strange looking horseless carriage hailed from Foard county. The names of fliver, tin Lizzie, jitney and others had not become the great national jokes translated into all languages under the sun.

Can't Shake a Stick at 'Em

Steadily from October 19, 1908, when R. L. More placed Number 1 on his little red, two-cylinder Maxwell, the registration numbers have mounted upward. Last year the number of cars registered in this county was 1,789. To date, in 1921, the figures stand at 2,165. No wonder, says the old-timer, the pedestrian complains he must look under the bed each morning before emerging for fear one of the pesky things should be in the room and catch him unawares.

SIX YEARS BEFORE CAR NUMBERS REACHED 100

It was six years before the number of cars in Wilbarger reached the 100 mark after the arrival of Ernest Hampton's Oldsmobile. November 20, 1912, W. O. Anderson attached the number to his new Ford.

After that cars in the next three years increased five fold. The number jumped from 500 to 1,000 between Christmas 1915, and the end of the year 1917.

U. S. Davis' Dort was given the number 500 and J. W. Ladd's Hupmobile was the thousandth car. A Ford belonging to G. E. Graf, was the last car registered before the State Highway Commission took over the work of registration. It bore the number 1921 and was registered June 16, 1917.

This year the number had reached on November 1, 2,165.

CAN FIX UP YOUR OLD, OR SELL YOU SOME NEW

The Auto Tire and Batery Company successors to the Para Vulcanizing Company and located on South Main street, has been established in this city six years. The proprietor, H. F. Ragland, handles India tires and tubes, Gould batteries and sells Beaver-Electra oil and gasoline.

Batteries are rebuilt and vulcanizing work done by the firm. Mr. Ragland also carries a complete line of automobile accessories. He is assisted in his work by Woody Huffman.

WORKS COMPANY 5 YEARS OLD.

Firm Was Established On Square In 1916 But Is Now On North Main Street.

In May, 1916 A. M. Works established on the square the Works Auto Supply Company, remaining at that location two years and then removing to his present place of business on North Main street, one door north of The Vernon Record office. The business was incorporated last July for $40,000 and A. M. Works is president, T. G. Curry vice-president, and Miss Bennie Works secretary and treasurer.

Paige and Maxwell cars and Maxwell trucks are sold by the firm. Mr. Works is of the opinion that the new series Maxwell now out is perhaps the most remarkable piece of mechanism offered the American public in the form of an automobile. The firm devotes a large share of attention to its accessory trade, and claims to carry the most complete stock of accessories west of Fort Worth.

R. F. Taylor, salesman, is also a stockholder in the company. Ed Krebs, who has been with the firm four years, is a mechanic of high ability, and John Browning is another expert wielder of tools.

WHITE GARAGE ONE OF FINEST

New Establishment Fills 'Em Up At Rate of 10,000 Gallons Per Month

The White Garage, with S. H. Baker as manager, on the corner of Main and Wilbarger, is one of the handsome new buildings of Vernon. The former building on this site by the same name was destroyed by fire one year ago, and was replaced at once by W. R. Piper of Dallas.

The structure is of red brick with a frontage of 60 by 110 feet, and is situated on the Colorado-to-Gulf Highway. Racine and Diamond Tires are sold here, and the company handles Pierce Corporation oils and gasoline. L. B. Waldon is official car washer, R. W. Ferrell has charge of the tire department and Tom Hardison and Ed Mason make up the sales force.

Sales of gasoline and oils at this station are estimated at ten thousand gallons per month.

OLD FIRM—NEW NAME.

Proprietors Hearken To Trend Of Times And Cater To Needs Of Autoists.

The Motor Supply Company, an old firm in new attire, made its debut at a new stand on West Wilbarger street in March of this year. Wylie Bennett and Homer Rogers, owners, have engaged in business for several years in this city.

The proprietors are closing out their lumber yard situated at the rear of their new building as rapidly as possible, and intend devoting themselves exclusively to this new line of business. Their handsome building is of brick and its dimensions are 32 by 60 feet. It is situated directly on the Colorado-to-Gulf Highway.

The Motor Supply Company handles Water-White Gasoline, Goodrich and Gates Tires, Gulf and Mobileoils. A repair department is maintained.

KNOWLEDGE FOR CAR OWNERS

The appearance of a car can be very much improved by first carefully washing the surface with warm water containing a little ammonia and then give it a coat of thin varnish.

During severe cold weather a part of the cooling area of the radiator should be covered. This will keep the engine warmer and add to its efficiency. One must experiment as to the area to be covered. Usually about one-quarter or one-third is sufficient.

In making repairs on the inside of a cellular radiator with the ordinary type of soldering iron, an inexpert workman such as the ordinary car owner is likely to be is very likely to start more joints leaking, so that the radiator is worse after he gets through than it was in the first place. This is a job for an expert.

It is a good plan to start the engine when filling the radiator of a car with the pump system. In some cases there are places which fill with air which can be dislodged only by running the engine. The system may seem full but after the engine has started the level will be found too low. Running the engine while filling will do away with this.

Look Over Them All

—and then you will come back to us and buy the famous, dependable tires we sell, the tires that have been carrying millions in safety and comfort year after year with never a sign of dissatisfaction. We stand back of them because we know they are absolutely reliable and uniform in quality and service.

Auto Tire & Battery Co.

THE WHITE GARAGE

(VERNON'S MOST MODERN)

Extends Greetings for the New Year

Gasoline, Oil, Tires and Accessories

DAY AND NIGHT SERVICE

Plenty of Room for Storage

Let Us Wash Your Car

S. H. Baker, Manager

"ON THE HIGHWAY"

New Year's Greetings

APPRECIATING our pleasant business relations during the past we wish you the Compliments of the season and trust that the coming New Year will bring the best you have ever known in Happiness and prosperity.

Service Our Specialty

During 1922, as heretofore, we will GIVE YOU SERVICE. For Better Gas and Better Oil TRY US. Oil is cheaper than gears—so let us OIL YOUR CAR.

Motor Supply Company

Bennett & Rogers

"The Place You Will Eventually Trade"

"A NEW YEAR'S GREETING"

The Christmas Spirit that envelops our people at this glad Season of the year prompts us to greet our friends and customers with a wish for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

WORKS AUTO COMPANY, INC.

DODGE RUGGEDNESS WINS MANY FRIENDS

J. A. McFALL SAYS CARS HAVE WITHSTOOD THE MOST SEVERE TESTS

The fact that the majority of automobile owners regard the quality of endurance as the most important factor in the choice of a car is not surprising to J. A. McFall, local Dodge Brothers dealer. He commented on the survey just completed by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, which shows that endurance ranks first among 20,000 car owners to whom the questionnaire was sent, with comfort second and price third.

In the middle price group, which takes in the range from $599 to $3,000, 18 per cent of the total agree on endurance as the first essetial, 11 per cent mention comfort first, and 10 per cent admit that they give first thought to the purchase price. Following is the complete list of preferences as disclosed by the survey:

Middle Priced Cars.

1. Endurance 18 per cent.
2. Comfort 11 per cent.
3. Price 10 per cent.
4. Appearance 9 per cent.
5. Economy 8 per cent
6. Service 8 per cent.
7. Flexibility 7 per cent.
8. Hill climbing 6 per cent.
9. Endorsement 6 per cent.
10. Specifications 6 per cent.
11. Speed 5 1-2 per cent.
12. Appointments 5 1-2 per cent.

"In a man or a motor car," said the dealer, "it is this endurance, or ability to deliver the goods consistently, that wins out every time. The owner whose car sticks by him like a faithful friend is almost sure to reward it with his lasting affection and loyalty. More than anything else, probably, it is this ruggedness which has already made Dodge Brothers motor car the choice of over 600,000 people. In the world war, 20,000 of them stood up gamely under the cruelest tests and today in the oil fields thousands more are giving faithful service under conditions that are fully as bad.

"But it is not alone in the quality of endurance that Dodge Brothers car excels. Important refinements added during the last few years have made for increased comfort, and you will notice that comfort stands second on the N. A. C. C. list. As for the purchase price, Dodge Brothers proved by comparative charts that their price was fair even before the reduction. Nobody can deny that it is an exceptional value now.

Attention To Details.

"Particular attention has been given by Dodge Brothers to every feature which will enhance the refined and substantial appearance of the car. To give only one illustration, the improved Sedan, with its disc wheels, cord tires, and the latest custom windows, brings credit to the taste and judgment of every owner. On the score of economy and service, which 8 per cent of owners demand, it is only necessary to cite the Dodge Brothers car's long and consistent reputation for low gasoline consumption, high tire mileage and freedom from the necessity of repairs.

"To continue on down the list. Dodge Brothers car has proved itself flexible enough for every use from traveling across desert sands to attendance at society functions; it has the endorsements of more than 600,000 owners; its specifications show that it has abundant power and speed, which is the eleventh requirement on the list; and its appointments are all that a careful insistence on the best materials can make it.

"In short, we feel that Dodge Brothers car not only comes up to all the requirements of those who give first consideration to endurance, comfort and price, but that it will sell itself, on its merits, to the majority of the people in the entire twelve classifica-

GENERAL AUTO POPULAR HERE

"Bob" Sells In Neighborhood of 10,000 Gallons Gasoline and Oil Each Month.

R. W. (Bob) Ferrell is owner of a new filling station on East Wilbarger street. The name of the firm is the General Auto Supply Company.

One of the first businesses of this kind in Vernon was started by C. R. (Dick) Staley and operated under the name of the General Auto Supply Company. Later it changed hands and afterwards was purchased by Ferrell and Thompson, who removed to their present [illegible] building.

These proprietors handle Texhoma gasoline and oil and estimate their sales to be about 10,000 gallons per month. Roy Thompson is also employed there.

HUSBAND—WIFE PROPRIETORS.

Service Auto Supply Company Establishment Would Be Credit To Much Larger Town.

The Service Auto Supply Company is everything that its name implies. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Allman, managers of the business, are located on West Wilbarger street in the commodious building recently erected by R. L. More.

Mrs. Allman who, previous to her marriage was Miss Grace Manis of this city, early realized the importance of the automobile industry and was quick to take advantage of this line of endeavor. Mr. and Mrs. Allman are ably assisted by T. P. Lisman, Jr., and Gladner Young.

Clayton Thomas has charge of the garage department. In connection with the filling station there are forty fire proof storage vaults for cars.

The Service Auto Supply Company handles Water White Gasoline, Michelin and Lee Puncture Proof tires, and Mobiloil.

AFTER HE TEARS 'EM APART, HE BUILDS 'EM UP AGAIN

George A. Long, owner of the Wrecking House, the last resting place of many a car, is a native of St. Paul, Minnesota. This unique concern was established about six months ago and is doing a thriving business.

Old cars are torn down, the parts sold, cars repaired, Vulcan and United States tires, and Mutol lubricating oil sold. Associated with Mr. Long is Charles Hansard, an ex-aviator of Sherman, Texas. This firm is located on the east side of the square.

ADCO BATTERY CLAIMED TO BE DIFFERENT KIND

The Adco Storage Battery Company, with W. D. Long as owner and manager claims a different kind of storage battery than any other make. It is a dry storage battery instead of the wet variety, and is claimed to revolutionize the whole battery business.

E. D. Long, a son, is helper and the business has been carried on eighteen months at its present location on Cumberland street.

CREATH MOTOR CO. SHOWS GOOD RECORD IN SALES

H. D. Creath Motor Co. was established last June. It is located on North Main street and stock in trade consists of Hupmobiles and Packards. H. D. Creath is sole owner.

The firm carries Hupmobile parts and since its establishment has sold six Hupmobiles and two Packards. J. H. Moseley is salesman, Frank Byrd manager of the inside work, and Ray Billings mechanic.

HE'LL WELD IT SO IT WONT COME APART

The Vernon Radiator and Welding Shop is just exactly what the name implies, says H. W. Mass, manager. The company has been here two year and at present is located on North Cumberland street. Marion Price is employed at this place. An acetylene process in welding is used on any make of car, and the process guaranteed.

WERE AMONG EARLIEST.

J. J. Manis a Dealer In Gasoline And Oil In Vernon For Fourteen Years.

J. J. Manis and Sons, dealers in automobile accessories claim the distinction of being among the first dealers in this line of commodities. Mr. Manis has been handling gasoline and oils for fourteen years in this city.

Six years ago, he took up the sale of accessories. The junior members of the firm are his two sons, R. V. and Connie, who both have virtually grown up in this business. The proprietors sell Gulf gasoline, Hood, Miller and Portage tires, Ford car parts, and do light repair work.

The establishment is situated at the same stand where Mr. Manis first went in business, 235 North Main street.

FARM IMPLEMENT AND AUTO ACCESSORIES MAKE UP STOCK

The Southwestern Implement Company, with J. H. Freudiger in charge, not only carries the well known line of John Deere implements, but sells Fisk tires and parts for Ford cars. It has been doing business at the present location on Cumberland street for two years.

Business is better now than in the early fall, says Mr. Freudiger, and he expects matters to brighten up perceptibly soon.

CAN MAKE OLD AUTOS LOOK GOOD AS NEW

In connection with the Auto Trimming ompany is the Fred L. Reed Sign and Auto Painting establishment. Mr. Reed has been in business here for three years, two of which were passed on North Main street.

One year ago he moved to his present location on South Main street. He is assisted by Milton Archer.

MAKES OVER OLD TOPS TO LOOK LIKE NEW

V. C. Morris, assisted by his father, V. O. Morris, has been in business over one year and is situated on South Main street. He does all kinds of upholstery work and makes and repairs tops.

Mr. Morris is a native of Vernon. He owns the only business of this kind in his home town.

IF YOUR ENGINE KNOCKS JUST WATCH 'EM FIX IT

Coleman Brothers and Hancock, in a brick building just west of the City Hall on Marshall street, exhibit more than ordinary efficiency in repair work. The proprietors moved into their present place of business in July, and have operated very successfully thus far.

According to Henry Coleman senior member of the firm, work is guaranteed and any deficiencies made good. The building is 30 by 90 feet and well arranged. General auto repair work is done and Pierce Oil Corporation oils sold. E. E. Coleman and Bradford Hancock, two members of the firm, assisted by John Krebs and Bill Goad, do the repair work.

IF IT NEEDS FIXING, JUST GIVE 'EM A CHANCE

The B. & H. Garage is owned and managed by Britton and Henderson, proprietors, and has been established nearly six months. Repair work is specialized in. The concern is located at the corner of Cumberland and Wilbarger streets.

In this same building is the Howe Quick Tire Service Co. Mr. Howe has been engaged in business eighteen months. He also sells the Pierce Oil Corporation gasoline and oils.

KNOWLEDGE FOR CAR OWNERS

The maner in which you park your car has much to do with the wear on the tires.

Spring clamps should be inspected at least once a month to see that all nuts are tight.

When gasoline is left standing for a considerable time, even if it be in the tank, it will lose its ignition efficiency.

After removing old piston rings, if it is found that any are scarred or cut, they should be replaced with new ones.

Leakage in the stuffing box usually can be stopped by tightening the nut around the pump, but persistent leakage calls for repackage.

LADD'S PLACE POPULAR HERE

Established On East Wilbarger Street; One of First of Kind in City.

C. M. Ladd, owner and manager of the popular filling station on East Wilbarger street, known as Ladd's Place, is a pioneer in the garage business, as he was one of the first to embark in this line of endeavor years ago. Mr. Ladd's first venture was made on Cumberland street.

From this place he moved to the White Garage on Wilbarger street and in 1917, realizing the importance of this growing business, constructed his present handsome brick building. The structure has a frontage of 82 1-2 by 90 feet, and is handsomely designed.

Mr. Ladd sells United States tires and Magnolia gas and oils. He sells gasoline, both wholesale and retail, and estimates that he disposes of from 10,000 to 20,000 gallons per month.

Otto Lawson, Joe Compbell and L. D. Adams make up the sales force. Mr. Ladd is also district agent for the Delco-Light system, a profitable line of merchandise. His business is located on the Colorado-to-Gulf Highway.

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Every Fisk Tire is a guarantee that you will get mileage at a low cost.

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Year Greetings

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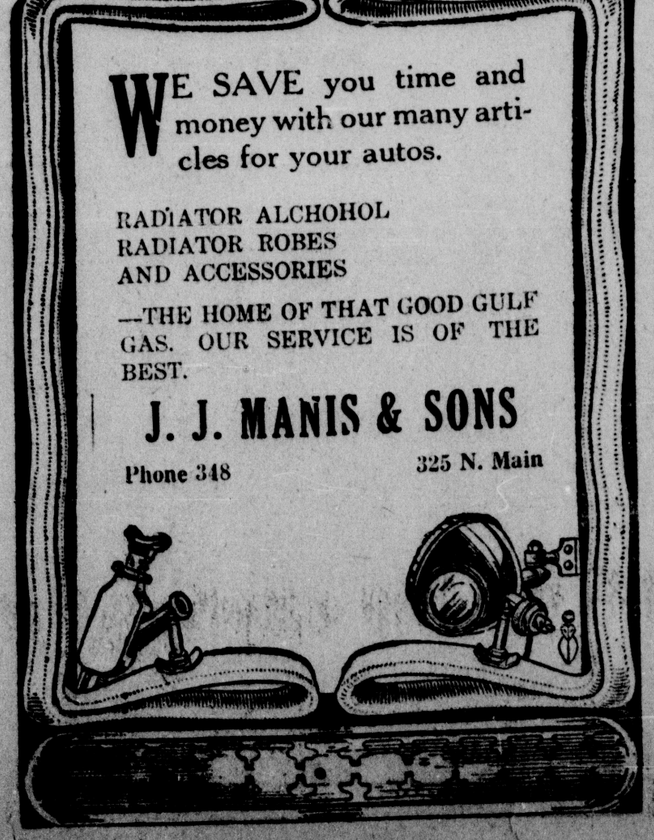

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Agricultural-Educational-Historical Section

COUNTY CONCEDED TO BE ONE OF STATE'S FINEST

Wilbarger Farms Excellently Developed and Crops Highly Diversified—Live Stock and Poultry Flourish—Local Farmers Win Premiums At State and County Fairs.

Wilbarger county is considered by experts as one of the best farming localities in Texas. A. D. Jackson, government station expert, has offered considerable complimentary comment on the section, and has indicated that it is as well developed as any he knows.

One of the most salient features of Wilbarger is the fact that its products are widely diversified. Livestock and poultry flourish equally well with staple food products, and each year county farmers appreciate more significantly the opportunities open to them in this respect.

Products Diversified.

There are few specialists along restricted lines in Wilbarger county. More appropriately, everyone is a specialist in respect to every product produced on the modern farm. Cotton may be considered the "money" crop of the section, but fights for popularity along with wheat, corn, feed stuffs, poultry, and livestock. Many farmers there are who defray all current expenses from so called "sidelines," and the end of each harvest season finds them with fat surpluses to provide a "nest egg" or with which to invest profitably in more land.

Cotton acreage was reduced materially in 1921, but the yield surpassed all expectations with 24,000 bales. Wheat, too, produced heavilly and elevators in the vicinity handled more than 800,000 bushels. Approximately $2,000,000 from cotton and half as much from wheat was released in this county to stimulate the channels of trade. F. H. Littleton, R. D. Hurt and J. F. Gregory experienced especially good success with cotton this year.

Much Registered Livestock.

Livestock in Wilbarger is of a high grade, and there are many registered cattle and especially fine horses. These animals have taken premiums consistently wherever they have been shown. A. M. Bourland, Joe Collins, Mark Neal, R. E. Carpenter, and S. W. McLarty are eminent stock raisers in this county.

Alfalfa can be expected to consistently produce four or five cuttings a season, and each acre yields from four to five tons a year. William McCaleb, living about a mile and one-half east of town, raises especially fine alfalfa as well as livestock and feed.

Excellent Fruit Yield.

Fruit, too, can be raised in this highly diversified farming country. Apples, plums, and pears flourish to a certain extent and J. F. White of Wilbarger has been a noted grower of fine apples for many years. J. P. Bennett and D. B. Martin produce excellent peaches and truck products, and J. E. Lutz grows fine plums and pears. J. H. Pettit has met with marked success in producing watermelons and canteloupes.

Peanuts, feed corn, oats, feterita, kafir, grain sorghums, spur feterita, sweet potatoes and berries all flourish in the loamy soil of Wilbarger. R. A. January of near Odell raises especially good spur feterita, and W. A. Walker, J. H. Kincheloe, and Walter Cagle have produced corn yields that might gladden the hearts of any farmer. Frank Lockett was eminently successful with the oat crop he raised the past season.

Bob Castlebury possesses probably the finest flock of sheep in Wilbarger county. This industry is not extensively cultivated in the section, although the country is admirably adapted for it.

County Horses Excel.

Wilbarger horses have captured premier honors at many a county and district fair. A. Allison owns several animals that never fail to place in the running, and Homer Evans also possesses horses of excellent breed and ability. Fred Streit raises exceptionally fine standard bred steeds.

Poultry is fast coming to a more important place in the county's industries. All varieties of fine chickens are raised with excellent success, and breeders from this section who exhibit seldom fail to win honors at the largest fairs in the State. Thousands of dollars worth of eggs, chickens, and turkeys are annually sent out of this county to markets all over the country.

Many Capture Premiums.

S. D. Lawliss, S. P. Clement, and Adam Donges are among those who have met with unqualified success in the poultry industry. There are innumerable others, however, who likewise have made the business profitable and whose exhibits have taken premiums at many fairs.

Dozens of Wilbarger county farmers came to this section with empty pockets, many driven by ill fortune from the homes they formerly occupied. Almost without exception they have accumulated land and wealth. Sturdy muscles, intelligence, combined with persistent industry have won them a fortune in this new land and verily amply rewarded them for the reverses Nature deemed fit to bestow them in order that they might take up a pilgrimage to Wilbarger's productive domain.

THEY ARE CONTENTED IN WILBARGER FIELDS

A sample of the livestock produced in this section. Considerable blooded cattle is raised in Wilbarger county.

IS EVIDENTLY A STATE RECORD

R. D. HURT PRODUCES PRACTICALLY SEVEN BALES ON THREE ACRES

Practically seven 500 pound bales of cotton from three acres. That is the record established this season by R. D. Hurt, living about three miles west of town, and one of the most industrious farmers in the county. Three thousand four hundred and ninety-five pounds of lint, there were only lacking five pounds of making the full seven bales.

Many in this vicinity consider that Mr. Hurt established a State record with this prolific yield. Thus far it surpasses all accounts carried in State papers of what have been considered phenomenal productions.

A Record Yield.

Mr. Hurt's total yield on 140 acres was 122 bales, an exceptional amount. Forty acres, on his own land, netted him 52 bales, and on 100 acres of the W. C. Orr place he obtained 70 bales.

The cotton was planted shortly after the middle of April, and twenty acres were so saturated with water from recent rains that they were not intrusted with seed until the middle of May. Mr. Hurt and his helpers hoed the land twice and plowed it four times. The soil is valley sand land.

Seven bales were hauled to the gins in one day by this industrious farmer. It is hinted that those who were aware of the comparatively small amount of land he owns confidentially informed him that the "Ku Klux'll get you for stealing someone else's cotton." It simply did not seem possible that such a prodigious amount could be obtained from only a mediocre supply of land.

Keeps Place Clean.

Mr. Hurt fears no danger from boll weevil if a thorough cleanup is adhered to. His policy is to keep his place clean throughout the year. Mr. Hurt, who is originally from Honey Grove is enthusiastic over the opportunity for farmers in this section. He insists that the phenomenal yield on his place this year is attributable, not to his industry and care in cultivation, but because good land, good seed, and a goodly amount of intelligence proved too great a handicap for Old Man Adversity to overcome.

RAISES FORTY-FOUR BALES ON TWENTY-EIGHT ACRES

Ed Schoppa, living fourteen miles southwest of town in the Rayland community, produced forty-four bales of cotton on twenty-eight acres of land this season. Each bale weighed between 550 and 575 pounds.

Mr. Schoppa's cotton land, consisting of sixty-eight acres, made seventy-four bales the past season, and each averaged from 550 to 575 pounds. Mr. Schoppa is one of the most progressive citizens of this community.

OKLAUNION HAS FINE TRADE AREA

PATRONS COME TO COMMUNITY FROM RADIUS OF TEN MILES

Oklaunion, about eight miles east of Vernon, is a progressive community of some 300 population, and possesses several business establishments of more than ordinary calibre. Its trade area extends in a radius of approximately ten miles, and from the northeast patrons come from as great a distance as fifteen miles.

The First Guaranty State Bank of which C. A. Allingham is president, J. W. Rainwater vice-president, and Roscoe Rainwater cashier, is an institution of remarkable strength for a town of this size, and its influence is felt all over the county. Two mercantile stores, one owned by Clay Brite and the Oklaunion Grocery Co. by Harry Statcup, H. C. Hancock, and Ben Schelnchin, who manages it, would be creditable businesses anywhere.

Good Business Personnel.

The Byars Hardware Co., owned by Lon Byars and R. J. Byars, manager, carries a very complete line of merchandise and enjoys a wide trade territory. Further than these establishments there is the Texas Garage of which H. L. Westerman is owner and manager, the Oklaunion Hotel owned and managed by Mrs. L. B. Moore, a confectionery store owned by M. H. Brite, a barber shop, formerly owned by W. H. Little, and a blacksmith shop operated by H. K. Hammer.

Two gins, one owned by Harris, Irby and Vose and the other by the Vernon Cotton Oil Company, add to the mercantile attractiveness of the town. These gins are to be rejuvenated for the season next year.

Oklaunion, established through a Denver warranty deed to its right-of-way November 22, 1888, now possesses real estate valued at more than $100,000. It has issued $15,000 worth of bonds for a new school building, and takes an immense pride in its facilities for education, which are especially excellent.

Bountiful Wheat Harvest.

Beside the establishments mentioned above there are two elevators belonging to the Kell Mill and the Wichita Mill and Elevator Co., which handled approximately 150,000 bushels of wheat the past year. Mainly from this source and from cotton grown in the vicinity deposits at the local bank have aggregated more than $300,000 this year. Business has been good this fall and there was a bountiful harvest.

There are two churches, the Baptist and Christian. W. M. Read is pastor of the Baptist congregation and lives in the parsonage there, and Elder Cooper is leader of the Christian church.

HENS BRING RICH REWARD

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hale Davis Depend More on Chickens Than Crops for Profit

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hale Davis, living on Vernon route 2 were richer by $1,000 last year through the efforts of 233 hens and three cows. It is the opinion of this farmer that no industrious man can fail if he has a good combination of chickens, cows, and diversified crops.

Mr. Davis realized $218 after all expenses were paid from his wheat and oats this year, and he has also 400 bushels of grain in his bins. He also grows some cotton, but it is considered merely as a "cash crop."

In the event that no rain is forthcoming shortly, Mr. Davis expects to grow fifteen acres of sweet potatoes on some wheat land. He will also increase his feed and cotton crop, and, to use his own words, "I'll depend more than ever upon my chickens and the cream from my cows for profits."

NAME OF TOLBERT BESTOWED ON TOWN TO HONOR JUDGE

Community First Bears Name of Wheatland Switch But Other Town Found to Have Title First—Is Flourishing Farming Center—Families Come Many Miles to Take Up Abode.

Tolbert, eight miles northwest of Veraon has been in existence several years. At one time it bore the two names of Wheatland switch and Tolbert postoffice.

The Fort Worth & Denver, when it installed a switch at that place, gave it the name of Wheatland because of the immense quantity of wheat loaded there.

Named For Judge.

Later when the citizens of the surrounding country wanted a post office there, the name of Wheatland could not be used because there was another Wheatland in the state. The name Tolbert was bestowed in honor of Judge J. R. Tolbert, county judge at that time.

W. B. Pruitt established the first store near that place and was the first postmaster.

Population Always Same.

Tolbert has never been a place that has boasted many inhabitants but its population has been consistent. At present the little village has two general merchandise stores owned by Tooley & Corley and G. L. Rose. The Tolbert Lumber Company, with E. A. Chaney as manager, an elevator, a blacksmith shop and garage comprises the business activities of the town.

The Methodist church, with Rev. R. V. Tooley and the Baptist church, with Rev. McNair in charge, have large congregations.

For fifteen years, T. A. Lockard has been the depot agent at this place.

Home Of John Robbins.

John W. Robbins for two terms served his people as congressman to the State legislature from this little village. Later he was elected State treasurer and served in this capacity four terms. Mr. Robbins came to this county in 1888 one year before Tolbert was allowed a post office. He later died in Austin. Two of his sons, Leonard and Walter Robbins, are prominent citizens of Wichita Falls.

T. H. Shelby, son of J. L. Shelby, a pioneer citizen of the Tolbert community has charge of the University Extension work. Mr. Shelby was principal of the Hubbard city schools for several years before he went into this field.

Came By Wagon.

In 1890, three families in far-a-way Nebraska, having heard of the possibilities of this western country, loaded their families in five wagons and started for Wilbarger county and the town of Tolbert. The trip was made in three weeks and five days. For one whole week in passing through what is now Oklahoma, then Indian territory, they saw no human beings.

They then met an Indian who, upon inquiry, said he did not know where Vernon was but it was "three suns to Doans." They forded Red river at that place and soon reached their destination. The three families were A. W. Blain and family, G. M. Purvis and wife, and J. H. Robertson and family.

Mrs. Purvis and Mr. Blain are visiting here now from California and Arlington, Texas.

Family Still Here.

Mr. Robertson has died but his son, Ed, and daughter, Mrs. T. R. Easterling, and widow, who is now Mrs. L. E. Stevens, still live in Vernon and own two and one-half sections of the land on which they located in 1890.

W. B. Covert, another old settler, arrived here from Denton county the year of the big wheat crop in 1891. Wilbarger was well advertised that year on account of its phenomenal wheat yield, and other pioneers, too, date their coming from that year. Mr. Covert and wife own one section of land where they first settled and have a well improved place. One daughter, Mariana, is at home and another, Miss Emma Lou, recently married and lives in Amarillo.

J. F. White arrived from Montague county in 1890 and cast his lot with the other citizens of the county. He and his sons own three sections of land near Tolbert and a small village farther north is named White City in honor of the family.

Now Lives In Vernon.

In late years Mr. White has been living in Vernon while his sons, John, Perry, Clint and Luther live on the big farms. Mr. White at one time proved to the dubious ones of the county that the sandy land of the northwest part not only would raise bumper crops of cotton and corn, but luscious peaches, rosy cheeked apples, and the famous Burbank plums.

Forty acres were set out in orchard and every year that Mr. White entered exhibits he brought home blue ribbons on his fruit from the Dallas Fair.

Raises Fine Peaches.

Another man "farther up in the sand," T. B. Priddy, who preaches diversification and also practices it, is having wonderful success with peaches. He sold over $300 worth from his 20 acre orchard last year.

S. L. Page and brother E. B. Page have lived in this neighborhood for years. They own a fine body of land and are very prosperous farmers. S. L. (Leslie) taught school for several years in this vicinity, but for some time has been devoting himself to stock raising and farming.

Came In Nineties.

The commissioner for the north side, J. S. (Sidney) Archer, arrived in the '90's and has spent most of his days in that part of the county. "Uncle Tommy" Baker, now a citizen of Vernon, settled near Tolbert in 1880, the year the railroad reached the village.

The late A. C. Swinburn, the contractor who built the court house, jail, and other public buildings, lived there with his family in 1895. A son, Matt S., is living there now. Another son, Oscar A. and his mother reside in Vernon.

Others Prominent.

Other settlers of long ago and recent years are: S. E. Swim, Earl Willis, Ben Vaughn, B. C. Wood, S. T. Porterfield, J. N. Lawson, Mrs. A. D. Craig, Mrs. Ida C. Henry, R. R. Brooks, M. W. Boger, W. W. Adams, J. T. Dunson, J. B. Gauntt, G. W. Upshaw, Brooks Germany, G. F. Emrick, and J. T. Dunson.

WILBARGER COUNTY BORN AND REARED

Another Hereford premium getter from local fields. Abundant feed crops in this locality make producing livestock a most profitable enterprise.

COUNTY HELPS MAN BEAT ADVERSITY

F. J. LITTLETON FINDS SUCCESS AFTER FORTUNE FROWNS HEAVILY

F. H. Littleton has been in Wilbarger county only since last December, but he is a confirmed booster. He lives three miles west of town in the sandy land district and is fast becoming independent.

A year ago, in fact, he came here penniless and can now be considered in comfortable circumstances. Nothing has brought about this newly found reward but his own industry and Wilbarger county soil, climate and seed.

Driven Out By Weevil.

Mr. Littleton made but two bales of cotton on his Denton county farm during the two years preceding his arrival here. Boll weevil reduced his capital to nothing, wiped out every asset, and left him only his rugged strength and steadfast determination.

At Wilbarger the wanderer found a refuge from the dread pest, and came to this section as a cotton picker. He finally located on a farm west of town and is working a share crop on halves.

Is Now Prosperous.

It is significant that this season Mr. Littleton gathered sixty-eight bales of cotton on about seventy acres. Fifty bales he sold for $5,000, and there is revenue still to come. The man who was destitute has been taken from the files of those suffering adversity, and placed in line with those upon whom prosperity has smiled.

First Venture In Business.

Mrs. Robert L. May living near Fargo, has a flock of 100 hens and is just venturing out into the chicken business. She has both Rhode Island Reds and White Leghorns that yield a handsome profit.

FARGO SETTLED IN EARLY EIGHTIES

MR. AND MRS. JAMES STAFFORD WERE PIONEERS IN COMMUNITY

Mr. and Mrs. James Stafford made the first settlement in Fargo when they moved to their farm there from the Doans community in the early eighties.

They were the first store keepers and Mr. Stafford was the first postmaster at that place. Since then they have been in business there. At present Theodore Stafford, a son, has a garage and accessory business in Fargo. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford last year celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Fargo. A daughter, Mrs. Jennie Coffee, and a son George also live in the community.

Sponsors Three Churches.

Fargo has three churches, Methodist, Baptist and Church of Christ, though the Fargo Baptist church is situated one miles north from the town, and the other two, one mile in the oposite direction. They are a part of the town, for this little village is strung out in one long street with one short avenue intersecting it.

Fargo has a good gin, the property of S. B. Starr of Odell, with A. L. Wall as manager. Two stores, Bargdoll & Stanley, with Artie Hayes as manager, and Mason Brothers, with Tom Mason as manager, supply the village and surrounding country with groceries and dry goods.

Two garages and a blacksmith shop with Theodore Stafford, Clarence Kerns, and J. S. Chism as owners, and a drug store owned and operated by Dr. A. T. Hayes comprise the business of the town.

Community Proud of School.

Fargo has one of the best schools in the county and at present it is badly over crowded. I. L. Coggins is principal, Misses Bonnie Deal, Myrtle Huber, Willie Couch, and Myrtle Weaver are teachers, and there are 225 students.

The handsome two story building contains an auditorium where the exercises of the school and the mass meetings of the community are held.

Women of Fargo have organized a Home and School improvement club and this year at the fair took second prize on their exhibit of canned goods and textiles. Sixteen hundred jars were canned during the season. Mrs. D. J. Wilhelm is president of this club.

Came In Eighties.

R. B. Richardson and W. H. Beavers are pioneer citizens of this county. They too came here with their families in the eighties and have made their home in the Fargo community since their arrival.

Mr. Beavers is living two miles south of the school house on the farm he first took up. He owns a section of good Wilbarger dirt and expects to remain with it during the rest of his life.

Other Pioneers.

Mr. Richardson lives west of Fargo about three quarters of a mile on the second place he settled in this county, and is one of the best known farmers in that community.

C. S. Smith and wife, who was formerly Miss Rosa Parks of Fargo, have lived in that section of the country for many years. Mrs. Smith's parents were among the first settlers in Wilbarger county and gave the first land for a cemetery, in the country outside of the town.

The well kept cemetery is situated on the land yet owned by Mrs. Smith. Mr. Smith, too, came here in the early days. They own over a section of land in this community.

Owns Two Sections.

H. E. Key is another successful farmer of Fargo. He owns, two sec-

WILBARGER ROADS TO EQUAL THOSE OF OTHER SECTIONS

Bond Issue Carried Overwhelmingly In Fall Insures Many Miles of Paving for Travelers—Construction to Start in Spring—Country Roads to Benefit Also.

Wilbarger county will not be outstripped by other sections of the State in the matter of good roads. A bond issue this fall, carrying four to one, calls for $600,000 to be devoted to the highways of Wilbarger, and for many miles of concrete paving.

In short, when the project is completed, a hard surface thoroughfare will extend from Oklaunion to Tolbert, halfway across the county. This will constitute part of the well-known Colorado-to-Gulf highway as well as the State road, Highway Five. Federal and State aid assisted materially in the enterprise undertaken by this county. About $200,000 additional was obtained in this manner.

Country Roads To Benefit.

Each commissioner's precinct, of which there are four, will receive $50,000 for road work. This will be expended on establishing grades, on leveling roads, and building bridges and culverts.

Approximately $300,000 of county money will be used to furnish concrete roads within a radius of about two and a half miles of Vernon. Federal and State aid, however, will extend this mileage considerably on the highway running east and west.

All Receive Benefit.

The project of constructing the hard surfaced roads radiating from Vernon was construed as the best method of benefitting the most persons in the county. It was deemed that the roads closest to the county seat are naturally given the bulk of travel, and thus should logically be administered the most care. Traffic, converging before it reaches the city, exerts a tremendous strain upon the sandy roads now existing, and as a consequence they have been in poor condition much of the time, especially during dry seasons.

There has been talk of another bond issue in the eastern part of the county, but this has not been definitely determined upon. At present the county is eagerly awaiting the construction of its first considerable venture along this line.

E. L. McHugh, county judge, and Commissioners A. M. Bourland, Luttrell, O. A. McCaleb, and Sydney Archer will have this project in charge. All of these officials were deeply instrumental in causing the success of the bond issue.

LAWLISS ESTABLISHES WELL-KNOWN BREED

S. D. Lawliss near Oklaunion five years ago with three pens of Rhode Island Reds started into the pure bred poultry business. Today four hundred beauties comprise the flock. The "Lawliss Reds" are known wherever they are shown as prize winners. Mr. Lawliss has never failed to carry off the blue ribbons wherever he has shown his birds.

He has studied the science of mating for both egg and exhibition qualities and not only found this to be a pleasure, but a profit also.

WAPLES-PLATTER NEW BUT GROWING INDUSTRY

The Waples-Platter Company established a branch wholesale house in this city January 1, 1921. It is located just east of the Frisco and [illegible] depots and between the tracks. The company has ten [illegible] square feet of floor space in [illegible] and brick building. This [illegible] wholesale grocery company [illegible] lish a branch house here.

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[illegible] tions of land near [illegible] sees it himself.

Among other [illegible] men of that place [illegible] J. Wilhelm, [illegible] W. J. McL[illegible] H. Scherr[illegible] H. E. Hoo[illegible] son, N. F[illegible] R. Gre[illegible] Sweatm[illegible] McGil[illegible]

FIRST SCHOOL IN COUNTY AT DAWSON VALLEY

Mrs. A. T. Boger Teaches First Institution in 1881 — Pupils Sit on Improvised Seats In Dugout—First Sunday School Was in Home—"Daddy" Nigh Teacher in New Building.

Dawson Valley contained the first Sunday School and school in the county. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Boger invited the neighbors to meet with them at their home and conduct Sunday School in 1881. About thirty people gathered on these occasions and Rev. J. T. Hosmer preached once a month for them.

In 1881, Mrs. Boger taught the first school in the county, in a dug out erected for that purpose in the sand hills near the river. The dugout was 12 by 14 feet and had a fire place and the usual dirt roof.

Roster Of Students.

The following, then children, attended: Mrs. Cecil Storey, A. C. Boger, Joe and Flora Simmons, Lon Byars and the children of Charley McClain. Five of these scholars are residents of the county, Mrs. A. T. Boger, the teacher, Lon Byars, Mrs. Cecil Storey and A. C. Boger live in Vernon, and Joe and Flora Simmons live near Oklaunion.

For a term or two Mrs. Boger received $14 per month as salary. This was a subscription school, and three months sessions were held.

Furnishings were very plain. Seats were of cottonwood logs split with pegs driven in for legs. A writing desk was nailed to the side of the wall and this too, was made of a split log. The open fire place furnished the only other artistic touch of the structure.

Moved To Home.

The school was afterwards moved over to the home of Mrs. Boger where a photograph was taken by Henry Dale when the Sunday School was in session.

Miss Rose was one of the teachers at this school. Patrons of the school finally decided to build a wooden structure to take the place of the poorly lighted dugouts. Lumber was hauled from Gainesville by A. J. Byars and Lon Byars, his son, without cost to the school.

The building was 20 by 24 feet a decided improvement over the other places where schools had been taught. This structure was situated on the south corner of section 8, block 12, H. & T. C., and afterwards was moved down below the Ladd place in that neighborhood. It is now doing duty as a barn on Mrs. Wheeler Laudy's farm.

Nigh An Early Teacher.

J. H. Nigh was one of the first teachers at this little new building, and is conceded to be one of the best instructors that ever lived in this county. He was an old white haired man at that time, and wore a long white beard.

In 1884 Mr. Nigh taught at this place and one of the scholars that attended that school says that in three month's this teacher took him through Davie's arithmetic. Previous to this time, the youth had had but two months schooling.

"Daddy" Nigh also taught at Vernon and Doans, and had the same reputation at both places. "He didn't merely hear our lessons, he taught us" said one of his scholars.

Named For Assessor.

The next school building was erected on the W. S. Bourland farm and was still known as the Dawson Valley school house, named for the first tax assessor of Wilbarger county. It is used as a tenant house now since the consolidation of the district.

A few years ago, the district of Dawson Valley and the school at East View decided to consolidate and erect the new brick school house they now use. They named this school Bourland Consolidated, and it is situated on the [illegible] H. Lewis farm, not far from the [illegible]-to-Gulf Highway.

Is Modern Building.

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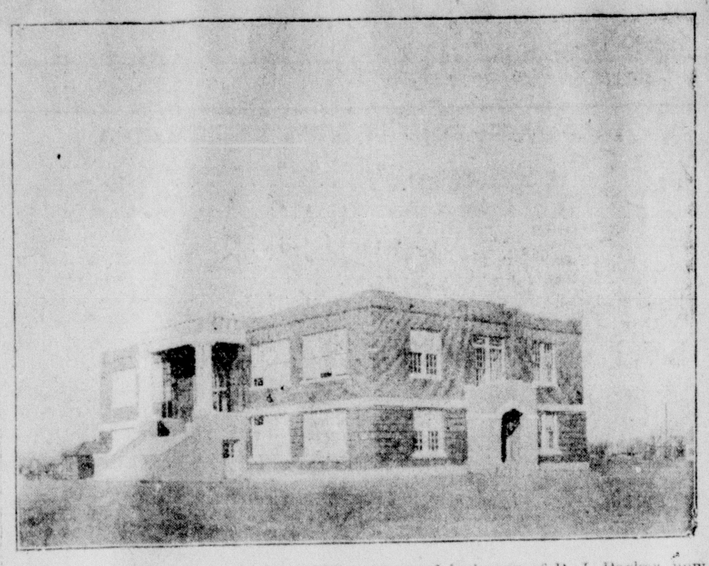
PARKER SCHOOL IN NORTH VERNON COST $16,000



This building was erected in 1917 and named in honor of B. J. Parker, now deceased, once chairman of the school board here. Until the time of the building of this school the children in that part of the city had no school facilities nearer than the Central School building in Southeast Vernon.

GLORY OF DOANS LAY IN DELIGHTS FURNISHED COWMEN

Yells of Indians on War Path Once Reverberated Through Now Peaceful Village—J. Doan Establishes Trading Post In 1878—Thousands of Cattle Pass Through on Old Trail.

Doans—noted once for its glory as a cowman's town—was a place to get the last trail and ranch supplies on the famous Dodge City trail—liquid and dry. In it's late days it has become a peaceful farming community.

The hills no more reverberate to the yells of the Kiowa and Comanche on the war path, nor to the shots of six shooters in the hands of playful cow boys.

Abounds In History.

More local history is packed into this little place than could be told of many larger places of the west.

The first settlers in this county with hope in their hearts and lean purses in their pockets took up the "white man's burden" at this particular place. J. Doan established a trading post with buffalo hunters here in the spring of 1878, though prior to this he had establishments on Buck creek and Wanderers creek farther west.

More Residents Arrive.

In the fall of 1878 to be exact, October 10, the Judge's daughters, Misses Eva and Emma Doan and his nephew C. F. Doan and wife and daughter, Bertha, came to swell the numbers at the new settlement. The journey was made by wagon from Sherman, the terminus of the railroad at that time. Mail was brought to them by the same conveyance from Henrietta.

Their dwelling place was a picket house, with dirt roof and floor and the modern conveniences of that period. The store occupied one side of this structure.

Adobe Built In '81.

Later two log houses were built and then the present residence of C. F. Doan, the adobe, was built in 1881. An adobe store was built about that time also, but has vanished in the dust of years.

This being the terminus of the Texas part of the trail and nearby the "jumping off place" of civilization, the store at this place supplied the cowmen with wearing apparel and groceries enough to do them on their long track northward. Hundreds of thousands of cattle passed along this point on their slow march to the railroad.

Guard Against Thieves.

A hide and animal inspector was stationed here for the protection of bonifide cowmen against thieves. J. K. Payne was the first "trail cutter" in the county. The first Postoffice in the county with C. F. Doan as postmaster was established here.

The first preacher, a circuit rider Rev. J. T. Hosmer, held the first service at this place in 1880. The first quarterly conference in this part of the West was held under a spreading elm tree, now the property of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Eatmon.

First Picnic In '84.

In May, 1884, the first May picnic was held at this place by C. F. Doan and five others on the same spot where it has been held continuously since that time. Mr. Doan has never missed one of these annual social affairs since they started.

The first school was held at this this place in the fall of 1884, in a log house just west of the "Dobe." It was presided over by Prof. J. H. Nigh, and ten scholars attended.

One Store Supplies Wants.

One store, owned and managed by E. L. Blackwood, now supplies trade with groceries and gasoline. The Odd Fellow Hall is over the store where the Subordinate and Rebekah branches of the order meet. L. C. Moore and Mrs. Lena Wilson are the Noble Grands of the respective lodges.

The Hamilton estate, consisting of nearly three sections of land, was settled in 1886 by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hamilton and large family from Grayson county. Mr. Hamilton died in January of this year but three of the sons live near this place; T. A., L. G., and Claude. Mrs. Hamilton lives in Odell and two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Pettit and Mrs. J. B. Ross live in Vernon.

Uncle Johnny Arrives In 1880.

One of the first commissioners, Uncle Johnny Miller and family, came to this place in 1880. Last year Mr. Miller died but his widow still lives on the old home place. J. M. Miller, a son, and the first child born in the county, assisted by big wife and family, tills the soil of the farm on which he was born.

The famous council grounds of the Indians are situated one-half mile from Doans on the farm of J. S. Rowland and on the head of the beautiful little stream that bears the name of the town. Indians came to this place from the reservation to start on their raids into the border counties, and returned to this point to divide the spoils and torture their captives.

Watts Came In '92.

In 1892, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Watts and children came from Indianna to their lands north of Doans. Mr. Watts died two years ago but Mrs. Rena Watts and two sons still retains their 3,000 acre farm and ranch here. Mrs. Watts and son Clyde live in Vernon and the other son, Roy, his wife and child are residing on their farm in this community.

Some well-known farmers of the community are Frank Wilson, J. C. Wilson, R. A. Eatmon, A. H. Seidlits, C. H. Thompson, H. C. Briscoe, D. W. May, P. M. Emmitt, Roy and R. E. Owen, Roy Watts, J. R. Harrison, J. A. Ammons, F. E. Shaw, L. G. Hamilton, C. P. Hamilton, C. F. Doan A. J. Ammons, S. M. Cannon and T. J. Lewis.

OKLAUNION SCHOOL CONSIDERED ONE OF COUNTY'S BEST

Was First in Wilbarger to Receive Recognition For State Classification — Establishes New Branches Continually—Community Contemplates A New Building.

For the past few years the school at Oklaunion has been considered one of the best in Wilbarger county. One of the foremost reasons for its high standard of efficiency is the splendid community spirit that is behind the school at all times. Although it is not as large in number of scholastics and the amount of taxable property as such school districts as Harrold and Odell, it has nevertheless set the pace for community and school development for the other schools of the county.

For example, the Oklaunion school was the first county school to receive recognition from the State Department of Education for state classification. During the past two years it has made decided progress along many lines. Among the things that furthered this advancement were: a larger teaching force, adequate equipment, more complete library for all grades, a more rigid system of promotion, and a standard thorough course of study.

Is Fully Recognized

Last but not least, there is a spirit of cooperative citizenship in the community. Because of this standard of efficiency, the school has been given all the recognition desired at the hands of the State Department of Education. Full credit is given our graduates and undergraduates in other schools where they are not attending. Course of study in the high school includes history, English, mathematics, science, vocational agriculture, Spanish, music and public speaking.

There are eight teachers connected with the school, seven of whom are on full time and one part time. The following teachers compose the faculty: W. M. Gourley, superintendent; C. C. White, principal; Miss Mabel Griffith, Mrs. J. T. Gossett, Mrs. C. C. White, Miss Exa Saylors, Miss Ethel Carter, and Miss Geraldine Parker. All of the above teachers have had special training in the subjects and departments in which they are teaching, and are teachers of experience also.

Favorably Impressed

Recently a representative from the State Superintendent's office visited the school and made a very favorable report to the State Superintendent concerning the type of instruction offered in this school and the manner in which each teacher was performing his or her duty.

The school board is composed of the following: R. J. Byars, president; Clay Brite, secretary; Rex Boyd, J. F. Stark, I. W. Skinner, L. H. Creager, M. H. Brite. These men all have a deep interest in the welfare of the school and are constantly planning for its betterment. Plans are already under way to build a new $15,000 school building, modern in every respect, for the high school department. The present building, a brick structure, is in first class condition, but is not large enough to accommodate all the pupils adequately. Recently a new electric lighting system was installed and many other improvements have been made this year.

The school has an athletic club, domestic science club, a parent-teachers club, a literary society, and a music club. School entertainments are given regularly.

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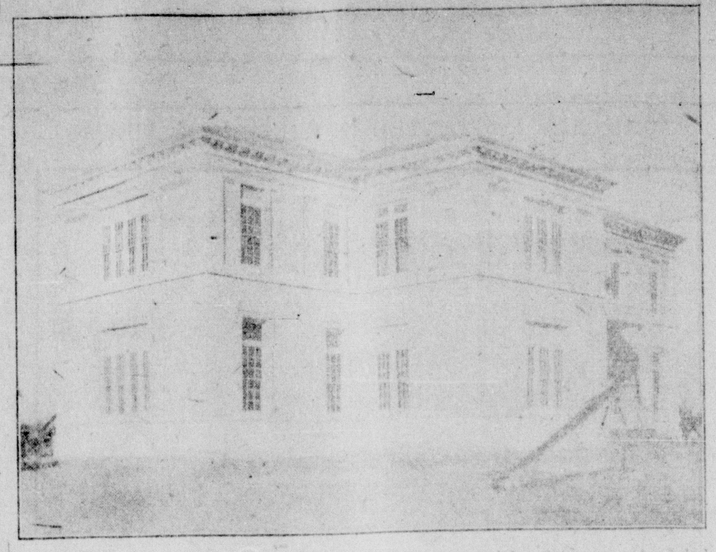
East Wilbarger

REMODELED CENTRAL SCHOOL BUILDING IS A BEAUTY



Vernon's first pretentious school building, once a brick edifice was remodeled several years ago. The house is located in the southeast part of the city and is good for several more years, as the above cut shows.

BELIEVES RHODE ISLAND REDS BEST LAYERS

[illegible] D. W. May, who has a large [illegible]ock of Rhode Island Red chickens [illegible]ed on his farm near here, is convinced [illegible]t these birds are the best layers [illegible]s and they are shaping [illegible]ir [illegible]gs at a rapid rate. "Out of [illegible] only a dozen and [illegible]s hen that I [illegible]e is a splendid combination.

[illegible]ese days chickens are commanding [illegible]gh prices for [illegible]s and should be encouraged by selling fresh blood and balanced rations.

BALANCED RATIONS AND LARGE PROFITS GO TOGETHER

J. E. Collins is a great admirer of Rhode Island Reds. Mr. Collins, at his home on West Pauline with a flock of fifty hens has proved to his own satisfaction that back yard poultry pays.

He feeds a balanced ration and gives his birds the care they require as to housing and regular feeding. He says that they yield a handsome profit on the investment as well as the pleasure it gives to own them.

Record classified ads bring results

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

We take this occasion to extend to our Friends and Customers Greetings for 1922. May the New Year bring to Vernon and Wilbarger county Peace, Prosperity and Happiness.

Remember the Big Poultry Show to be held in Vernon January 13 and 14, 1922.

TEXAS PUBLIC SERVICE CO.

Pay Off The Mortgage on Yourself

The lives of millions of people are marred because they have never reached the point where they own THEMSELVES. It ought to be worth while to PAY OFF THE MORTGAGE on yourself. Saving money will do it.

Include this determination in YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLVE.

For 1922 we EXTEND GREETINGS, and offer you a BANKING SERVICE which we believe you will keenly appreciate, once you have made use of it.

FARMERS STATE BANK
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FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL IN COUNTY AT DAWSON VALLEY

Home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Boger Utilized for Service—Court House In Vernon Scene of Early Church Meetings—Review of Local Congregations and Development.

The first Sunday School in the county was organized at Dawson Valley in 1884. Mr. Golden was superintendent and Wiley Johnson secretary. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Boger threw open their home for the services. Although children were scarce in number at that time, thirty men, women and children were enrolled.

Mrs. Boger is a resident of Vernon at this time.

Here Year Later.

Vernon's first Sunday School was organized a year later than the one at Dawson Valley. All the denominations met at the little school house for worship at that time.

J. T. Lahue, now dead, was the superintendent. Mrs. L. P. Bonner is a daughter of this man, and has made this city her home for years.

As crowds grew larger and more interest was manifested, church services and Sunday School was held in the court house, on the site of the Farmers' State Bank.

Methodist First.

Methodists were the pioneers in building up a church congregation. Rev. J. T. Hosmer filled his monthly appointment at the Boger home the year the first Sunday School was organized. He also preached at Vernon and Doans.

In May 1881, he organized a church with five members: J. A. Creager now living at Oklahoma, his wife, their two children, Alice and Will, and nephew, Gid Bryant made up the total of the little organization at Vernon. The first building erected by the Methodist was not finished until six years after the congregation had been organized.

Had Church Wedding.

Before the church was finished, Miss Hattie Farrell decided she wanted a real church wedding, so the keys were borrowed from the architect and she and E. L. Swartwood were married there. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers from Mr. Swartwood's home town, Marshal.

Mr. and Mrs. Swartwood are still citizens of Vernon and reside on West Texas street on the site of the home they built in their honeymoon days.

R. C. Johnson, father of Mrs. C. J. Farrell, and now living at Altus, Oklahoma, was the first superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School at this place. Hon. S. P. Huff, judge of the Court of Appeals, Amarillo, W. B. Townsend, ex-secretary of State and Judge Walker Hall of the Court of Appeals, Amarillo, were former superintendents and teachers at this church.

Started In Wilbarger.

Rev. Sam R. Hay, John Barcus and other lesser lights in the way of ministers caught some of their inspiration from the sun baked prairies of old Wilbarger. They preached to crowds of saints and sinners in this old frame building.

The Baptist congregation was organized in 1883 and worshipped with the other denominations in the court house. In 1889 a building was erected on the site of the Christian parsonage on the corner of Mesquite, just south of Wilbarger. Later this house was sold to the Christian church members, who held services here until the new church was completed on Wilbarger street. May 25, 1913, the present handsome edifice was dedicated by Elder J. N. McCash of Cincinnati, Ohio.

New Baptist Church.

The Baptist congregation, after the sale of their property to the Christian denomination, erected the fine brick structure on South Main. James Gilliland was the first Sunday School superintendent of this denomination. Rev. George Truitt, J. Frank Norris and other celebrated divines of the church have held meetings here.

The two branches of the Christian church, in early days were united in worship and congregation. Rev. Sam C. Fowler of Harrold was the first pastor to preach for the local congregation. Elder Peter Smith, now dead, was another pioneer preacher of that faith.

In 1896 Miss Ellen Baker, sister of Mrs. J. H. Pendleton, with Mrs. J. E. Collins as her able assistant, revived the Bible school which had languished for lack of support. Mrs. Pendleton and Mrs. Collins, are the oldest in the point of membership of the Central Church congregation.

Member Since 1887.

The Church of Christ with Ely E. Wallace as pastor and occupying a suitable building on Dent Smith street has a membership of over 300. M. G. Gilbert, a pioneer in the faith, has been a member since 1887.

Rev. George Van Dermis, father of Mrs. R. W. Hix of Vernon, was the first minister of the Presbyterian faith to preach here. He also held services in Oklahoma and in the various school houses in the county.

Presbyterians Reorganize.

The reorganization of the Main Street Presbyterian Church occurred in 1890 under the leadership of Rev. W. W. Dickey. Thirty four members formed the congregation when Rev. Jacobs took charge.

Church in an opera house is a unique feature, but in 1898 the First Presbyterian Church of Vernon held services there with B. M. Lorch host and member of the congregation. Later they went to the school house and in 1892 laid the foundation of the present brick church on West Wilbarger street. Financial stringency postponed the finishing of this building for seven years.

In 1899 [illegible] and used [illegible]. L. Moore, formerly of Bonita, Texas, pastor of this church.

Catholic Edifice.

In 1895 Rev. Father [illegible] came from Wichita Falls regularly once a month and held services for the Catholics at Mrs. A. Skaggs's home in Vernon. It is reported that this good Catholic man received a telegram when he was ninety miles from a railroad and was above Amarillo with the snow [illegible] one of his [illegible] near Doans.

The priest traveled [illegible] to reach her bedside and [illegible] administer the last rites of the [illegible] and baptize the young infant who survived the mother. Catholics [illegible] church in south Vernon and [illegible] congregation of about [illegible]

Local Methodists.

Rev. C. A. Wells, [illegible] Memphis, Texas, is now [illegible] pit of the Methodist [illegible] T. Rouse is [illegible] Church. Rev. [illegible] started [illegible] while Gus [illegible] Wallace has [illegible] Doans in [illegible]

Rev. J. B. Dierkes is [illegible] Lutheran Church in the [illegible] town. Rev. Father Reich [illegible] vices twice a month [illegible]

Body Formed to Study Good Literature and Manners—Organization Is Present Enthusiastic Body of Younger Women.

Feeling the need of [illegible] mental tonic, soon after graduation Miss Gussie Collins, Mrs. Harry Mason, wife of the present mayor, Miss Lucile Johnson, now Mrs. C. E. Farrell, Miss Lillian Newson, Thornton, Misses Belle Davis, Ellen Baker and Jessie Ralston asked Vernon's most capable women at that time to organize a club.

Mrs. G. A. Brown was selected [illegible] organizer and [illegible] the club which [illegible] Natatorium.

Not unlike [illegible] organization [illegible] dainty finger [illegible] the general [illegible] good literature [illegible] manners of [illegible] the purpose of [illegible]

The membership [illegible] rapidly, and Mrs. [illegible] the vim and [illegible] to some of the [illegible] the work thereby [illegible] or meetings of [illegible]

Texas State Federation.

Mrs. Tom Hogg of Galveston, [illegible] one of the foremost club [illegible] that state, once [illegible] as treasurer. [illegible]

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Board Is Progressive.

The school board is progressive and [illegible] Those on the school board are: B. Cobb, president; W. H. Holt, secretary; Dr. J. C. King, F. D. Little, H. L. Hughes, W. A. Litchfield and Carl Morris.

A NEW YEAR SUGGESTION

[illegible] MANY WAYS a Good Bank can [illegible]

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FOR THE NEW YEAR

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The beginning of the New Year finds us deeply appreciative of the liberal patronage accorded us during the twelve months that have just passed.

But that, friends, does not do justice to our state of appreciation. Our thankfulness to our customers is a daily habit with us, and not the least of the many things which our friends have contributed to the success of our business.

H. F. McKibbin

ODELL NAMED FOR RAILROAD OFFICIAL

[illegible] BY PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZENS

The townsite of Odell was donated by [illegible] spirited citizens of that place [illegible] and [illegible] acres to found the [illegible] of the T. & P. railroad.

Twenty-five acres were also purchased by the citizens at one half [illegible] and added to the acres [illegible] and the other men gave smaller tracts to this movement. In 1908 the railroad made Odell a station.

Pioneers In Business.

Mr. Stults, the first man on the ground, has lived to see many firms start in business here. The first gin was owned and operated by W. W. Gilbert. Grocery stores were run by M. A. Smith, and J. R. Hule besides several others. J. P. Nave was the first hotel keeper. H. M. Tarlton was the first druggist in Odell and was followed soon by Dr. A. C. Daniels and B. A. Harriss, who also practiced medicine. The Big Joe Lumber Company arrived in time to help the boom along; but in 1912 sold out to a rival firm, the Odell Lumber Company. This firm still does business at the same old stand with Horace Turner as manager.

B. D. Smith was the first hardware merchant in Odell; White and Crain sold coal and feed. Mr. Crain is in the grocery business now. Whitt Mathews sold furniture and also was public weigher. James Leak, now of Vernon, had the first garage.

Newspaper At Odell.

A newspaper flourished at Odell for several years. C. P. Ross was owner and manager of the Odell Reporter. Mr. Ross discontinued the paper, however, and in 1918 went to Vernon where he is one of the owners of The Vernon Times.

The Bank of Odell, a private banking business, was instituted January 1, 1909 with W. T. Collins as president and Will Starr as cashier.

At that time the bank was one door east of the C. W. Stults store. One night in November, 1911, this bank was robbed between the hours of mid-night and morning. The safe was blown, supposedly with nitroglycerine, and three thousand dollars were taken.

Sliced Table Legs.

In blowing the safe open, the door to the vault sliced the legs from the desk table that stood nearby, so neatly that it was afterwards repaired and is in use today in the same bank.

One man, who slept over a building on the opposite side of the street, became aroused at the noise of the explosion and lighted a lamp. The look out man, who stood in the street below, told him to blow out the light and get back in bed or suffer his head blown off. The man promptly obeyed orders and crawled back into the covers. Here he remained until daylight before he notified Mr. Collins that his bank had been robbed.

Kill Constable.

A few days later, Charley Holloway a constable of the town, while searching for the bank robbers, followed two suspicious individuals to the bank of Red river near Doans. On ordering the men to halt one of the youths fired and killed Mr. Holloway and badly wounded his companion, a man by the name of Doyle.

Mr. Doyle managed to make his escape in a buggy, and quickly notified the officers. A possee was organized and searched all night for the murderers. Next morning a telephone message was received from Frederick announcing their surrender to the officers there. These men were tried in Vernon. One confessed to firing the shots that killed Mr. Holloway and he was [illegible] sentenced for one year in the penitentiary and the other came clear.

Feeling Run High.

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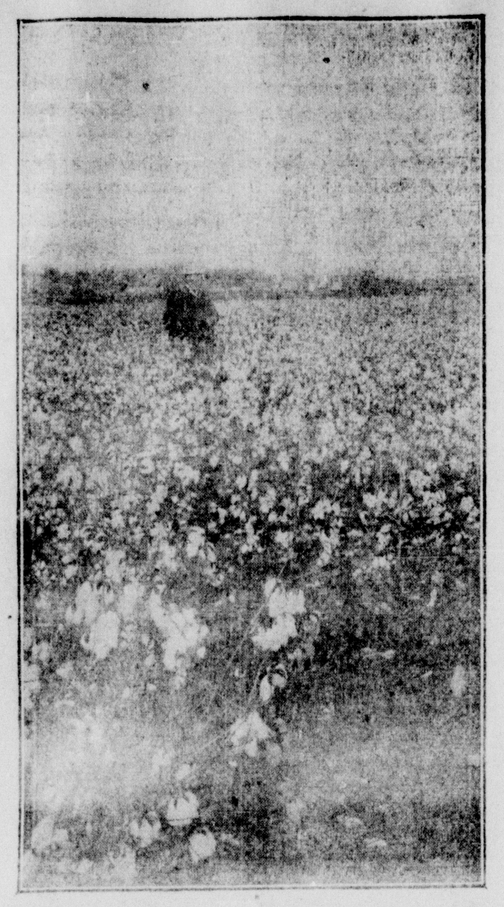
HERE'S A SAMPLE OF WHAT WILBARGER GROWS



A field of cotton in bloom. In the fall the county is covered with these fluffy bolls. The crop this year, despite reduced acreage, will total 24,000 bales.

widow lives in Odell. Mr. Coffey is residing in Dallas.

This bank was organized with $10,000 capital. The deposits becoming so heavy it was required by the state laws to raise its capital to $15,000. J. M. White is president now and Will Starr and Hardin Ross are the cashier and assistant.

Mayfield First Teacher.

Tom Mayfield was the first school teacher, in Odell and was followed soon by J. R. Hule a merchant now in the town. A handsome brick school house costing $10,000 was erected several years ago and was destroyed by fire in February, 1921. On the site of the burned structure the tax payers of Odell have erected an $18,000 building with six rooms and an auditorium which is used as a community hall by the town. The building completed, seats and furnishings, brings the cost of the house to $22,000. The following teachers compose the faculty: Principal, T. E. Pearce, Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Misses Elizabeth Blackerly, Rose Hlavity, Georgia Chapman and Mrs. R. D. Thompson.

Have Three Churches.

Three churches have congregations in Odell. The Methodists with Rev. J. Graydon as pastor, the Baptists, with Rev. T. D. Pearson in charge, and the Primitive Baptists with Rev. Edwards occupy churches in the east part of the town.

Some of the farmers living in and near Odell are: J. R. Ross, R. T. Dooley, Joe Crownover, Joe Collins, George Bucy, Newt Bucy, C. D. Shelton, Chas. Kester, C. G. Thompson, ex-commissioner P. H. Bingham, C. E. Sears, Chas. Neal, T. A. Hamilton, J. G. Ayres, B. C. Carter, and I. M. Fulcher.

Big Blaze In July.

July 2 of this year the greatest fire in Odell's history occurred when the Masonic temple and Odd Fellows' hall were burned. The fire was supposed to be of incendiary origin. Contents of both building were destroyed.

The Masons have since that time purchased a brick building and added a story above and are at work again. The Eastern Star also meets in this building with Mrs. Ada Shelton as Worthy Matron. P. L. Hart is Worshipful Master of the Blue Lodge.

Peace officers of the town are P. L. Hart, justice of the Peace, and Charley Pollard, constable. Mr. Hart is also in the insurance business.

ERECTED FIRST ODELL BUILDING

SUNFLOWER GREW HIGHER THAN C. W. STULTS' STORE PORCH

Realizing the importance of being first on the ground in any enterprise, C. W. Stults erected the first building on the townsite of the new town Odell and moved in September 9, 1908. Mrs. Stults, partner and wife of the owner says that sun flowers were higher than the store porch in front of the building when the opening was held.

Two men of the neighborhood wagered each other they would be the first to buy an article from the new emporiomn. Emmett Archer, now of Electra, and Bud Dooley, still a resident of Odell, made the bet. Mr Dooley won and the article purchased was a sack of smoking tobacco.

Town Springs Up.

Near the first of the next month of that year a construction crew came through with a work train and the town arose like magic on the banks of Wanderers creek.

Mr. Stults, previous to that time, had been for three years engaged in business at Haulk, southeast of the new town. He was also postmaster. Upon his arrival at Odell he continued to work for Uncle Sam with his store duties. The Haulk office was discontinued at that time.

Sister Now Postmistress.

Mr. Stults served in the capacity of Postmaster for several years and at last persuaded his sister, Mrs. S. S. Farley, to take the office. She is the present post mistress, having held that position since her first appointment.

Odell's first merchant came to Wilbarger county in 1888, but did not bring his family until February, 1889. They came from Dallas county and have resided in this vicinity ever since. The family lived on and cultivated their own farm until 1905 when they went into the mercantile business at Haulk.

Has Always Helped.

Mrs. Stults has always assisted in the store since the first goods were sold and she and her husband are well known all over the western part of the county. They have two children living, Mrs. Fannie Bucy, who resides in the community, and a son, C. H. Stults, living at home with his parents.

Their store is on the site of the first building in Odell and is a comodious and well arranged building.

The former store building was moved back of this present place—has been faced west, and houses the Post-office.

Mr. and Mrs. Stults own their own cozy home in northwest Odell on the site of another residence of theirs that burned several years ago.

ARMY CAPTAIN SUES "NO STOCKINGS" BRIDE

Douglas Osbon, former army captain is suing in San Francisco to divorce his Russian bride, Mrs. Marita Rosen Osborn, niece of Baron Rosen, the Russian statesman. They were married in Vladivostok last January. Among other things, Captain Osborn complains that his wife went without stockings during their residence in Manila. "A Russian custom," she explains. "My husband simply doesn't understand."

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HARROLD NAMED FOR CATTLE OUTFIT

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OF VAST TEXAS PANHANDLE

Harrold, named for Eph Harrold of [illegible] first set[illegible]

[illegible] pur[illegible] county. This says the real estate man in the Vernon Guard of 1886.

He further states that Harrold is 36 miles from Wichita Falls, seven miles south of Red River on the head waters [illegible]en the [illegible] River [illegible].

No Fencing Allowed.

"Rich agricultural lands being fast taken up by settlers are west and outside the big pastures" says H. A. Lewis. "Purchasers are limited to one section; the acquisition of large tracts of lands and fencing of large pastures is prevented."

Harrold at that time was a shipping point and controlled the trade of the southern portion of Indian territory, and the vast Panhandle of Texas which, at that period of it's growth was increasing in population and wealth more rapidly than any other section of the country. Harrold was the receiving and shipping point for government supplies for Fort Sill and Fort Elliott. In 1885 there was shipped from this point, then the terminus of the Denver, 40,000 head of beef cattle and there was received from the south 150,000 head of stock cattle. No figures are available for 1886 on cattle received and shipped, but they must have doubled.

But when the railroad, after a short stay of one year in this little city, started on toward Denver and reached the county seat, Vernon, Harrold began to dwindle in population. Some houses were moved to Vernon and stocks of goods were shipped to the various other towns beginning to spring up along the right of way of the new railroad.

Life More Commonplace.

In a very few months the glory of the old west had departed and Harrold began to put on her working garb and start to work in earnest. A totally different set of people settled down in and around Harrold and made it what the community is today. The real estate agent of the early day did not exaggerate the possibilities of the soil of this particular community for some of the best land found in the west lies around its door. Agriculturally it ranks with any community in the Panhandle. Excellent wheat lands and row crops of corn and cotton swell the coffers of its influential citizens.

Could land agents have peered a little farther into the future, they would have found Harrold near oil wells, at that time unknown in the Panhandle. South of the town and in Wilbarger county are the largest producing wells in the Electra field.

Piper Finds Fortune.

W. R. Piper who lived from boyhood around Harrold, attending schools and farming its soils, came into his fortune when a section of his land became one of the best known tracts in the west by reason of its flow of the black liquid that turns into golden dollars. Mr. Piper now lives in Dallas.

Other men of that community have profited by the finding of oil on the land around Harrold. Men, they are, who are glad that when the dry years came "they hung on by the eyelids."

BAPTIST HOUSE OF WORSHIP ON MAIN STREET

The Baptist congregation is steadily out growing this handsome and commodious structure. In connection with this building is an annex where the Sunday school holds services and where other church meetings are held. Rev. W. T. Rouse is pastor.

Buy Shamburger's Coal

This is our Suggestion for a New Year Resolution. When you act on it, you may be sure that you have the BEST FUEL available.

And bear in mind the Poultry Show in Vernon, January 13 and 14, 1922.

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COLLINS BUILDS FORTUNE AT ODELL

CAME TO SECTION WITH NO CAPITAL AND SUCCESS COMES SLOWLY

No consideration of Wilbarger resources in point of inanimate and animate features can be complete without mention of W. T. Collins, pioneer banker, farmer and capitalist. Living at Odell, he is equally well-known in all parts of the county, and is universally conceded to be "one of Wilbarger's finest."

With only a pitiful capital, this doughty adventurer came to Wilbarger county in 1889 from Arlington, in Tarrant county. Three hundred dollars constituted his worldly possessions, and he borrowed as much more from his father and paid for a 200 acre farm at three dollars an acre.

Accumulates Large Holdings.

Today Mr. Collins can look upon 2,250 acres which he acquired during the interval between that time and the present. Some of it is easily the best land in this section, and is divided between the children of the pioneer.

"When I came here," says Mr. Collins laughingly, "I thought I would keep $200 aside with which to dig a well, buy a house, and construct a fence. I did all my own work."

Prosperity Apparent.

Success came gradually, and at times seemed entirely wiped away. In 1889 Mr. Collins sowed fifty acres of wheat and harvested twenty bushels to the acre. In '90 and '91 he gained good crops as well. Prices were above normal, and times appeared prosperous.

Then—in '92, '93, '94 came drouths, and his small capital was swept away. In the fall of 1896 there was not even seed wheat to be had, and despair lurked in the heart of every farmer.

Not to be daunted, Mr. Collins prepared 150 acres of land for wheat, trusting that in some manner the needed seed would be forthcoming. The guardian farmer angel thereupon sent the railroad company to the section with a shipment of grain which it sold on credit, and the day was saved. That year the crop made twenty bushels to the acre and brought one dollar a bushel.

Came On Emigrant Car.

Mr. Collins came to this section with a wife and three children, and made the trip on an emigrant car. All of his worldly goods he shipped with him. Mrs. Collins, true, conscientious, and loving mother, was his constant helpmate at all times.

The man who came to Wilbarger penniless has since become a stockholder in other county enterprises. He was one of the instigators of the Odell bank, and is today its president. Charter members of the institution are L. G. Hawkins, T. H. Shive, B. J. Parker, W. O. Anderson, F. Moffet, and Robert Houssels.

Mr. Collins today is active as ever, and takes a keen interest in his banking afairs. He has retired from intensive farm life, but is closely associated with his boys in all their work.

A WILBARGER HOLSTEIN PRIZE WINNER

Taste for registered stock is becoming gradually cultivated in this county. Many farmers take an exceeding amount of pride in their blooded animals.

SWARTWOOD STARTS COUNTY POULTRY

LOCAL MERCHANT DISPLAYED STANDARD BRED FOWLS BEFORE STORE

Four years ago before the rank and file of chicken fanciers began to realize the money to be made in thorough bred poultry, J. L. Swartwood sent away for fowls of nearly all standard breeds and sold them in front of his place of business at actual cost and carriage. Persons would stop and admire the different breeds and a book agent "had nothing" on Mr. Swartwood for salesmanship and talking arguments he advanced about bred-to-lay poultry.

Always an enthusiast along these lines, it did not take Mr. Swartwood long to convince the public that scrub hens would not pay, and that they needed to build up their flocks by pedigreed stuff. The outcome of it all is that on nearly every farm, in the county at least a small flock of good poultry is cackling and crowing.

For even if all did not hear the sound of Mr. Swartwood's voice, they emulated their neighbors who did and like other good things, they profited by the example of others.

SHERIFFS OWNED STOUT HEARTS THEN

LAW ENFORCERS DEALT WITH FAST SHOOTING MEN IN FORMER DAYS

In 1889, the forty-sixth Judicial District was created with nine counties including Greer county, Oklahoma, then thought a part of Texas. The late Judge G. A. Brown presided over this district for many years. He was succeeded by Hon. S. P. Huff, who is now chief justice of the court of appeals at Amarillo. J. A. Nabers, present magistrate, followed Judge Huff, in office.

Only one sheriff of Wilbarger died with "his boots on," although several had narrow escapes. Uel Music, the first sheriff, was killed in Sullivan's Saloon in Vernon in 1883.

Died As Peace Maker.

He was serving as peace maker and stepped between George Cranmer and John Davidson. Cranmer fired at Davidson and that bullet ended Music's life. Cranmer declared he did it accidentally. Music replied, "It is a costly accident for me, I am passing out." He died as he uttered those words.

Cranmer was afterwards killed at Harrold by rangers and is buried at Doans.

Tom Stewart was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Music. He was later killed by rangers near Graham.

County Has Two Sheriffs.

During the time of the Vigilantes committee, Wilbarger had two sheriffs, A. T. Boger and Race Chowning. Barker was another peace officer of the early days, and when his deputy, J. T. Conn, cast his sombrero into the ring, politics became as heated as a Bailey-Neff campaign.

Conn was elected. R. P. (Dick) Sanders was sheriff at the time that "Red Buck," Joe Beckham and the "Kid" roamed the countryside.

J. T. Williams, now dead, who had been a deputy for years followed Mr. Sanders as sheriff and held that office for twelve years. He was never defeated. J. D. Key, present city marshal, succeeded Mr. Williams.

Ish Fills Vacancy.

Upon his resignation, W. A. Ish was appointed to fill out the term. He was afterwards elected to this office. Mr. Ish is also a pioneer peace officer of Wilbarger county and has had many thrilling experiences both as a deputy and sheriff.

Record classified ads bring results.

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They are all boosters and deserve your business.

We Believe in Wilbarger

—Our PRIDE is Harrold—with its school UNRIVALED by any other community in the West—its SUPERIOR CITIZENSHIP and FERTILE LANDS. We have an abiding faith too, in all of Wilbarger County—as the best Agriculturally and from the standpoint of Citizenship in ALL TEXAS.

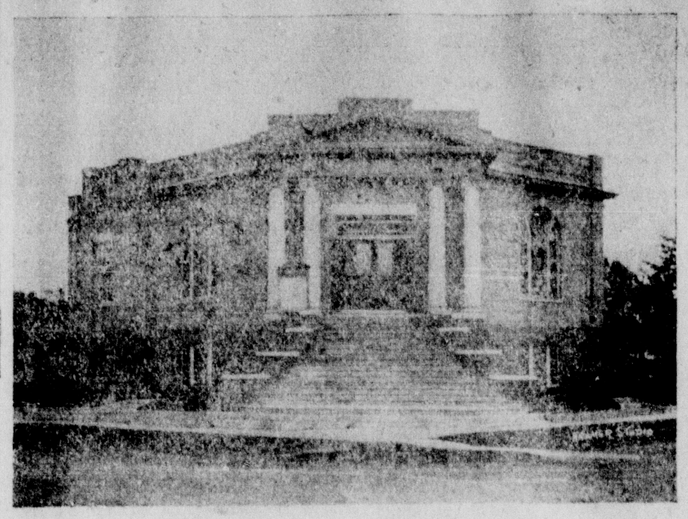
We take this occasion to extend New Year Greetings to our Friends and Customers for 1922, and offer our Services in any capacity available.

The First State Bank

S. H. FIELDS, President.
CARL MORRIS, Vice-President.
OTIS LUTTRELL, Cashier.

HARROLD, TEXAS

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON WILBARGER STREET



This church was dedicated eight years ago. The church has a membership of three hundred. Gus Ramage is the present pastor.

An easy way to examine the inside of a casing for a weak spot is to place a block of wood between the beads so that it will stretch the tire open. The wood keeps open the part under inspection.

Keep a few old newspapers in one of your car pockets. They will help you to get out of a mud hole some day. They afford a good traction for the wheels, when placed underneath them in the mud.

NEW YEAR GREETING

To my Friends and Customers I extend New Year Greetings and solicit a CONTINUANCE OF YOUR PATRONAGE for 1922.

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January 1, 1922.

Dear Sir:

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

We have RESOLVED, that, beginning with the New Year, we will discontinue our policy of marketing our Circle 'S' Flour and Meal exclusively thru the grocery merchants, and will, instead, put into operation a new policy which we choose to call the CONSUMER'S WHOLESALE SYSTEM.

By CONSUMER'S WHOLESALE SYSTEM we mean smply that we will hereafter distribute our Circle 'S' Flour and Meal direct to the consumer on a cash, barter, trade or exchange basis, by the following methods:

1. We will sell these products (one sack or more) direct to the consumer, at the wholesale prices, with free delivery inside of city limits.

2. We will barter, trade or exchange our Circle 'S' Flour and Meal, in any quantity from one sack up, to the consumer, at the wholesale prices, for his wheat, corn, oats, maize, hay or any other farm products that we can use, at the market prices.

3. We will grind corn, oats, maize, etc., for cash or for toll.

By either of these methods the consumer will save at least the retailers' profit on his flour and meal requirements.

And now, may we say a few words about our Circle 'S' Flour and Circle 'S' Meal.

We make Circle 'S' Flour from the best, selected, thoroughly scoured and cleaned native grown wheat, on a Midget-Marvel Mill—a new, perfectly sanitary, short system process whereby we produce a pure, white, wholesome, high grade flour, just as Nature intended the flour you use should be. This flour is not "killed" in the milling process, as is often done with other mills, but contains all of the health-giving qualities and nature-flavor of the wheat berry. It is the ideal flour for biscuits as well as for light bread, cakes and pastries. We guarantee our Circle 'S' Flour to be unexcelled for any purpose for which good flour is used. Try it on our guarantee.

Our Circle 'S' Meal is ground from only selected white corn, after thorough scouring and cleaning, and there is none better. Guaranteed fresh and sweet.

We also handle coal, grain and feed.

Won't you RESOLVE to trade with us this year?

We need your business; you need our service and satisfaction.

THANK YOU

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WAR HEROINE BACK HOME WILL TOUR AMERICA

Miss Agnes Peter

Miss Agnes Peter is back home in Washington. She is the first American woman to be granted the silver medal of hoor given by the French Government to foreigners for distinguished service, having been the director of the Foyer du Soldat, which is similar to our own Y. M. C. A. Miss Peter served wth the Army of Occupaton in the Rhineland, later with the "Y" in Poland, Austria and Czecho-Slovakia, and on her way home visited England, where she saw the survivors of the Z-R 2which crashed in Hull. Now she is on a tour of the Girls' Schools of this country, telling them of the needs of fellow students in Europe, explaining their desperate plight, because of Government subsidies and the exchange situation, and she is raising funds to help provide for them.

COURT HOUSE IN OLDEN DAYS WAS COMMUNITY CENTER

Season's Social Events Conducted Within Domain of Law's Majesty—Arrival of Railroad Celebrated In Structure—City Marsnal Falls From Third Floor and Is Killed.

Vernon has had three court houses since Wilbarger has been a county. The first one was situated about where the Bailey Hotel now stands, and was a small dwelling house.

This structure burned down and most of the early records of Wilbarger were lost. Luck was with the officials however, for Birchfield and Stephens Brothers had just compiled a record of the county for their new abstract business. So the most important papers were saved.

On Corner of Square.

The second court house was erected on the site of the Farmers State Bank and was a commodius structure. It looked a little like the Commercial hotel and was considered a very fine piece of architecture. Lumber was purchased from Mayfield and Company.

At this place the elite of the city danced good old fashioned quadrilles or romped through the military schottische and polkas.

Dance At Court House.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Rowland announced their marriage at Mr. Byars', in written invitation about that time and in a foot note at the bottom of the page there is: "Dance at court house after the ceremony. July 11, 1883.

In 1886, the present temple of Justice was erected by Strain Risley and Swinburne from bricks made near the home of W. M. McCaleb on Paradise creek. The Vernon Guard announces the erection of the jail and then launches out in a description of the New Court House. "The structure is to be completed this year" says B. Wilson Edgell. "It is to be of brick, three stories high. It is to be in the middle of the public square and have four grand entrances—one from each side of the square."

Was Community Center.

After the completion of this handsome brick building, it became the community house of the town and county. Here the grand ball announcing the arrival of the Fort Worth & Denver was held and other great occasions were celebrated.

In 1890 John Hammond, city marshal, fell or was pushed from the third floor of this building. He had gone after night to one of the rooms on this floor after some papers and was found shortly after mortally injured.

Hammond struck the lower floor with such terrible force that one knee went through the plank floor. The funeral procession that followed him out to East View was the largest up to that time that had ever formed here.

Fake Clock Faces.

When the court house was first erected, it had a large tower upon it and imitation clock faces on all four sides. One could climb up by means of a ladder and gaze all over Wilbarger county. Some one said that the reason the clock faces were removed was because of the fact so many people set their watches by these false time pieces. But the facts are that the tower acted as a kind of funnel wind and rain came down into the building.

...NS IS FIRST ...NTY POSTOFFICE

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At Main And Wilbarger.

The first postoffice in Vernon was located in the store of Wood & Company, at the corner of Wilbarger and Main street. The present brick building was erected by this firm in 1890, and is occupied by Massie-Vernon Grocery company now.

The varied assortment carried by Wood and Company, as shown by an advertisement of 1886 in the Vernon Guard, consisted of general merchandise, trail and ranch supplies, corn and oats, clothing and gents furnishing goods, boots, shoes, hats and gloves, notions and ladies goods, boys' and youths' clothing, hardware, glassware, queensware, wooden ware and willowware, threshing machines, mowers and harvesters, double shovels, grain drills, plows and cultivators, guns, pistols, cartridges, belts and scabbards.

Fruits In Season.

One advertisement is, "Fruits and vegetables kept on hand in their season." This happened before the Denver came tooting in to bring the tenderfoot and the tender fruits and vegetables from the orchards and gardens of the east.

All under one roof, one could call for mail and be supplied with everything from washtubs to weapons.

Some of the early postmasters of Vernon were: H. A. Morgan, B. M. Logan, Miss Cora Ralston, J. R. Wood, Jim Creager and C. J. Farrell. J. R. Wood, Mr. Creager, and Mr. Farrell still live here.

WILBARGER SOIL MAKES HIM RICH

J. F. GREGORY MADE TRIP TO COUNTY ON BORROWED FINANCES

Ask J. F. Gregory if Dame Opportunity lurks within the boundaries of Wilbarger county. This doughty farmer, who came here thirteen years ago from Cherokee county, was "on his uppers" when he crossed the Wilbarger line, and his trip here was made on borrowed money. Today he owns 1,243 acres of the finest land in the county, and is more than independent.

Fine crops, not merely the past year, but in previous seasons have convinced him that there is a living in the soil for the man who earnestly seeks it. Of course, it has not meant sitting on the kitchen stoop when there were crops to cultivate, or loafing on the street corner in town when grain was ripe, but the success of the agriculturist has come as much through the natural productivenes of the land as through the energy expended in making it produce.

Is Abreast of Times.

Mr. Gregory does not accomplish things by halves. He is a thorough farmer, and endeavors to keep abreast with every advancement of the line he follows. It has become a profession to him, and the greater the amount of cultivation bestowed upon it the more bountiful have been the returns.

It is worthy of mention that during the past season Mr. Gregory produced 21 1-4 bales of cotton on a sixteen acre tract. On ninety acres he made 81 bales. It was necessary to replant the sixteen acre patch in June after it had been washed out by a heavy rain.

Land is always prepared carefully ahead of time by this industrious Wilbarger farmer. Winter breaking and surface cultivating he considers essential to the welfare of his crops, and he gives minute attention to all details of farming.

Fine crops have characterized his efforts the past year. Two thousand bushels of corn and seventy-five tons of maize have gone to swell his granaries.

Now Has Eight Tennants.

Mr. Gregory has eight tenants on 430 of his good acres. These renters succeeded in producing 272 bales off the land. They are working on shares.

Mr. Gregory's first purchase consisted of 200 acres. Gradually, through his industry and the prolific soil, he acquired more and more land until he is considered one of the most prosperous of county farmers.

His land is a valley loam and sandy. All of it with the exception of 200 acres lies about six miles east of town. Mr. Gregory is proud of the fact that on his sixteen acre patch he produced a yield of cotton averaging 1.33 per cent, while what was considered a State record published recently in a paper of prominence gave to a Clarendon farmer a yield of 1.27 per cent.

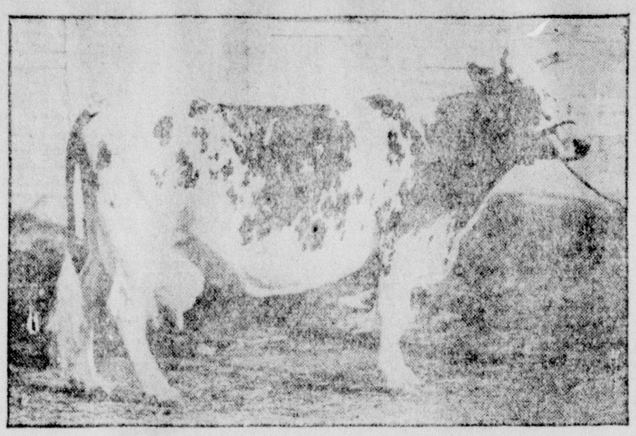
Mr. Gregory is an excellent example of what grit and perseverance can accomplish. With determination to succeed be found every asset to his credit in the natural allies provided by Wilbarger soil and climate.

Posted Notice.

This is to notify the public that my place three miles northeast of Vernon is posted according to law and all persons hunting or trespassing on same will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

93-8tp ED S. SMITH.

BESS BURKE ORMSBY, A PRIZE WINNER



Just another reason why Wilbarger is coming to the fore as a cattle-raising country.

WILBARGER COUNTY ESTABLISHED 1881

SPIRITED CONTEST AMONG COMMUNITIES TO WIN THE COURT HOUSE

Forty years ago, or to be exact, October 10, 1881, ushered in Wilbarger county. Numerically speaking Doans was the strongest candidate for the site of the county seat. Geographically, Vernon had the edge on her northern neighbor, while Harrold was third in the race for this honor.

Doans citizens shortly before this decided that the seat should be placed at Vernon because of the town's nearness to the center of the county, so a committee went to T. Windsor Robinson, on whose land the townsite was placed, and demanded that he give a certain number of town lots to the county or the county seat would be placed at Doans.

Mr. Robinson, sensing the turn of the tide, agreed to this. However, he afterwards redistricted the acreage and the county found itself in possession of lots, but no corner ones.

Pad Voting List.

On the ticket to be voted on that day, only Vernon's name appears as a candidate for the county seat. In order that the required number of names might be secured to organize the county, the list was padded with fictitious signatures and bore the names of both women and children.

The following ticket was voted on: For county judge, J. W. Drury and J. Doan. Judge Doan was elected. For sheriff: Uel Music; for county treasurer, C. F. Doan and W. A. McKinney. Mr. McKinney was elected by a majority of three votes.

Perkins County Clerk.

Three candidates ran for county and district clerk; L. Newport Perkins, George Washington Darby and W. W. Brazeal. Mr. Perkins was elected. He died in Vernon about a year ago.

Alex Dawson was elected assessor, J. (Daddy) Nigh was elected surveyor, and J. K. Payne was made hide and animal inspector. Uncle Johnny Miller was elected commissioner of precinct 3, George Probasco of precinct 2, and the other two have been forgotten. None of the commissioner aspirants appear on the ticket.

Court In Blacksmith Shop.

Wilbarger county was attached to Baylor county for judicial purposes and Judge B. F. Williams of Graham was district judge, B. F. Brin was district attorney.

The first district court was held in June, 1882 and lasted two days. The first grand jury with C. F. Doan as foreman convened in an old blacksmith shop near the Herring-Showers Hardware company.

This log shop had no windows nor doors, and was not even "chinked," so the Judge thought he should have a guard posted about the place to warn off intruders. Uel Music, the newly made sheriff marched gravely up and down before this structure. Court was in session two days, and found no bills.

MERCHANTS FEW HERE IN 1883

POPULATION OF ENTIRE COUNTY AT TIME ESTIMATED AT 500

In 1883, the population of Wilbarger county was estimated to be 500 inhabitants. And that was a liberal estimate. Merchants at that time were few in number and very scattered.

B. K. Wood & Company, Kinsey Brothers and C. F. Doan & Company had general merchandise stores in Vernon. B. K. Wood was on the corner where the Massie-Vernon grocery is now in business. This brick building was built by the late Dr. Wood. Kinsey Brothers were on Russell's corner. C. F. Doan & Company was next door to the Hahn Building. J. R. Sumner Drug Company was on the southwest corner of the square.

Dr. Johnson was the physician of the town, and P. S. Haggy the first postmaster and a dry goods merchant, was situated where the Vernon Drug Company now stands.

Saloon On Corner.

C. M. Byars grocery store was on the corner where the Wide-A-Wake is. The Herring Bank corner was occupied by C. M. Byars in the old Star Saloon. Paul Hoefle ran the occidental saloon on the site of Swartwood & Company. D. J. Sullivan conducted the same kind of business where the Hawkins Furniture store is. Mr. Braziel had a barber shop near the site of the Bailey Hotel.

Joe Schmidt was the genial hotel keeper and ran the well-known Commercial hotel just east of the White Garage.

Mr. Schmidt now lives in West Vernon. The little log jail occupied the plaza where the court house now stands.

DR. E. B. JONES
VETERINARIAN
Inter-State Inspector
Office Ferguson Drug Co.
Residence Phone 498
Office Phone 26

Wilbarger's Biggest Asset

Wilbarger County's most VALUABLE assets are its Men and Women—these, and not the acres of UNRIVALED FERTILITY, will determine Wilbarger County's Prosperity throughout the years. Making the OLD HOME ATTRACTIVE is perhaps the ONE BEST WAY to KEEP OUR BOYS and GIRLS on the FARM. That is why in EXTENDING GREETINGS for 1922, we suggest that you make a NEW YEAR RESOLUTION to Rebuild the Old Home—make it cozy, comfortable and livable—give it exterior beauty as well as interior convenience. Let's make Wilbarger county boys and girls proud of Wilbarger county—of their own homes—just as we are proud.

May we work with you? This is our New Year Wish!

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EMPIRE LAUNDRY
"An Enemy to Dirt"
Phone 60

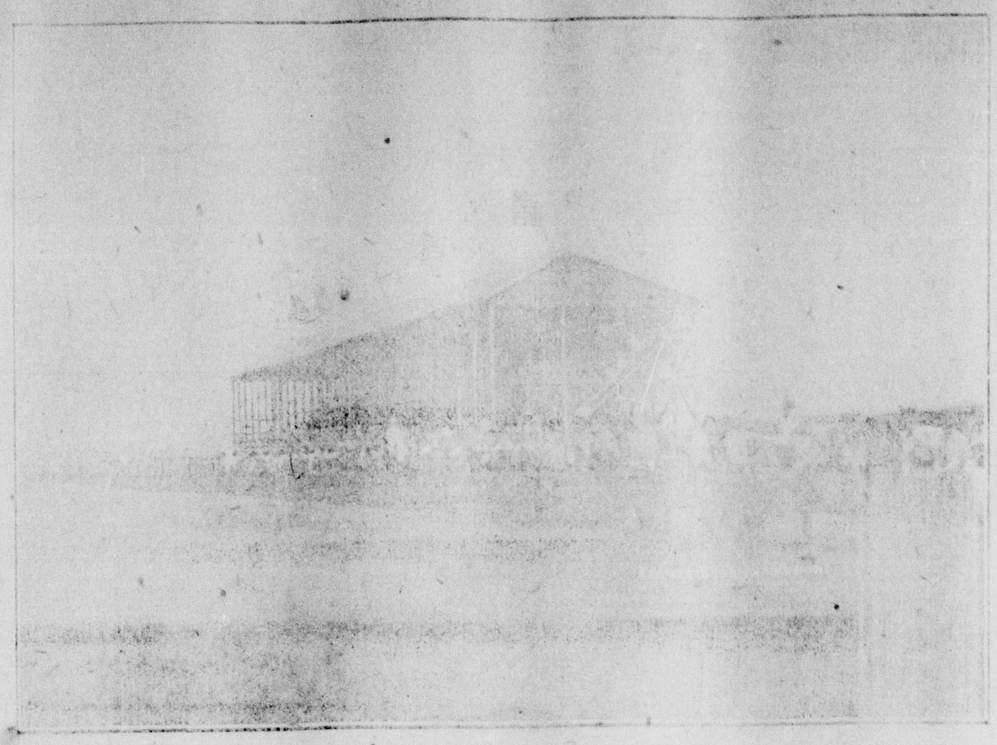
OUR Faith in Wilbarger County Grows with the years. We believe in its fertile acres—as the most productive, year in and year out, of any in all Texas; and in its people—as the most Industrious, Progressive and Neighborly in the entire Southwest. There are reasons why we anticipate—if we all pull together—that 1922 will be a year of Peace and Prosperity.

Accept our New Year greeting, and permit us to serve you in any capacity possible during the coming year.

Herring-Showers Hardware Company
Vernon and Harrold

ODELL COMMUNITY ONE OF RICH

WATCHING THEIR FAVORITES FLASH DOWN THE HOME STRETCH



A typical racing crowd at a Wilbarger County Fair. Between races and events are exciting contests for ponies and novelty derbies. The fair this year was held August 31, September 1, 2 and 3.

HARROLD QUALITY SURVIVES YEARS

DIMINISHED POPULATION HAS NO EFFECT ON SUBSTANTIABILITY OF TOWN

Harrold, near the eastern line of Wilbarger county and about fifteen miles from Vernon, was at one time the most flourishing community in this section due to the fact that it was the terminus of the Quanah railroad. The town has deteriorated in point of numbers, but decidedly not in quality as is evinced by the business establishments there and the character of the merchants engaged in operating them.

The First State Bank of Harrold is housed in an attractive building and is a sturdy institution. S. H. Fields is its president, Carl Morris is vice-president, and Otis Luttrell is cashier. Its influence is manifested over a wide area.

Merchants Optimistic.

There are two elevators at Harrold, and the Wilson Drug Co., the Wilson Grocery Co., and Carl Morris Grocery Co., the Herring Brothers farm-implement house, Haven's barber shop, Douglas Garage, the Fowler and Colony blacksmith shop, Haven's barber shop, the Fowler and Colony garage, the Harrold Hotel, and a telephone exchange operated by the Allen brothers.

Harrold merchants are looking optimistically toward the near future in anticipation of a betterment in financial conditions everywhere. Their trade territory extends northeast to the county line, northwest to the old Staley place, east to the county line, south to Waggoner's pasture, and west to Oklaunion. Tourist trade during June and July is an immense asset to the community. Improvements on the Colorado-to-Gulf highway have found ready sanction from Harrold residents as it is a decided financial advantage for the town to be situated on a well known thoroughfare.

However, natural progressiveness is the essence of the sentiment at Harrold and the attitude of the community is based mainly on this fact.

Farms Prosper.

Country in the vicinity of Harrold produces good cotton but better wheat. With the opening of the gin at Harrold next year it is thought there will be a corresponding increase in the cotton crop of the locality. Farmers in the section have made good feed crops, and have enough at present to last them another year.

A severe fire last December created a heavy loss in Harrold, and destroyed several of the principal buildings. It is contemplated replacing those structures before long.

Harrold is decidedly pleased over the issue of $800,000 for better county roads, and has nothing definite in mind concerning a district bond election. Many residents of the community are of the opinion that a paved road through the county would be an immense stimulus to trade.

IS SURE POULTRY BRINGS PROFITS

MRS. J. T. MILLER'S HENS HAVE FED FAMILY FOR SEVERAL YEARS

Mrs. J. T. Miller of the Fargo community says that she has proved beyond all doubts that poultry pays on the farm. She has a flock of about 150 laying hens of the White Leghorn variety. These industrious fowls supply the family of nine with groceries and have done so for several years.

Variety For Home.

The egg is marketed mainly at a nearby store near the home. Mrs. Miller likes the White Leghorn variety because it wants to be a variety for home use. Besides the eggs that are marketed there are enough for the family table. Mrs. Miller says that she has found that the White Leghorn hens are very good layers and that they are not inclined to be broody. Besides the eggs that are marketed there are enough for the family table. Mrs. Miller says that she has found that the White Leghorn hens are very good layers and that they are not inclined to be broody.

GENIUS REQUIRED TO BREAK IN JAIL

ENTRANCE TO OLD COUNTY LOCK-UP WAS THROUGH TRAP DOOR IN ROOF

"Vernon at one time had a most unique bastile. The edifice was of logs, without windows or doors, and was surrounded by a stockade or pickets. A trap door on the roof was the only place of ingress or egress.

If one wanted to speak to any of the occupants about going on their bond, or passing the time of day generally, he had to climb on the roof and yell down the trap door.

Kicks Way Out.

Once a wooden legged man was confined in this "gaol" and, becoming tired of the place he proceeded to find a new use for his wooden leg. He managed to kick a hole in the stockade and emerge into freedom once more.

The jail was situated just west of the present court house and was on the square. It afterwards burned down and in 1886, Strain Risley and Swinburne completed the old jail, constructed of brick which stands west of the present one. The brick were obtained [illegible]

[illegible] ing in 1885. The gallows was erected on the jail lot and the execution was semi-private. The minister was led [illegible] platform where he made his [illegible]

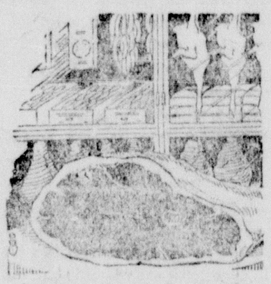
He protested to the last that he was innocent, but circumstantial evidence was too strong.

The present jail was erected in 1911 and is a very handsome structure. J. W. Carrington is jailor.

Jail Is Well

[illegible] was an old duffer who was on one occasion [illegible] He would celebrate by seeing how many times he could shoot off a pistol.

So Joe Dameron, assisted by his [illegible] started out. He [illegible] "Boys, stand back and I will tell you what to do. Pull off your coat and cast your vote for me on election day for the Judge is going to put me in the well in the morning." And Judge did.



CHOICE MEATS

—From the VERY BEST Meats to be had, we offer you the choicest cuts, at prices no more than you have paid for less quality.

—On this basis we SOLICIT YOUR PATRONAGE, and take this occasion to extend our GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Vernon Meat Market

H. S. Starr, Proprietor

On the Job Every Day

JUST A MINUTE, please sir; I want to tell you something you are possibly not thinking about. Would you buy your groceries from an order-taker who maintained his store in SOME DISTANT CITY? No, you would not, because your home town man can give you service that the order-taker could not.

JUST a Minute now—You can carry your OLD LINE Life Insurance with us and receive that close, personal touch that is so necessary in business. We are here ON THE JOB EVERY DAY in the year to answer your every need relative to Insurance, and we have plans for carrying your premiums that will surprise you.

If you are in need of old line LIFE INSURANCE for PROTECTION of your FAMILY and CREDIT, let us know who you are. We will call on you at once. If we fail to sell you on our proposition, we will THANK YOU for the opportunity and let the matter drop.

California State Life Insurance Company

E. M. Haney, District Manager

FIS HORSES WIN RACES EVERYWHERE

A. ALLISON OWNS SOME OF THE FASTEST ANIMALS IN THIS SECTION

A. Allison, well-known mill proprietor, Wilbarger county farmer, has raised fine livestock for five or six years. His taste has been confined mainly to race horses, and the results of his interest in the ring have been winners in practically every country derby in this section.

Yerlie Hal, a mare of five years, won five races the past summer and paced a mile in 2:10 1-4 at Shreveport, La., this year. The mare was raised in Columbia, Texas, but has been in Mr. Allison's care for some time.

Shows Clean Heels.

At Ida, Kansas this summer Yerlie Hal negotiated a mile in 2:10 2-10 1-4, and 2:11. A $5,000 purse was captured during the races at this fair.

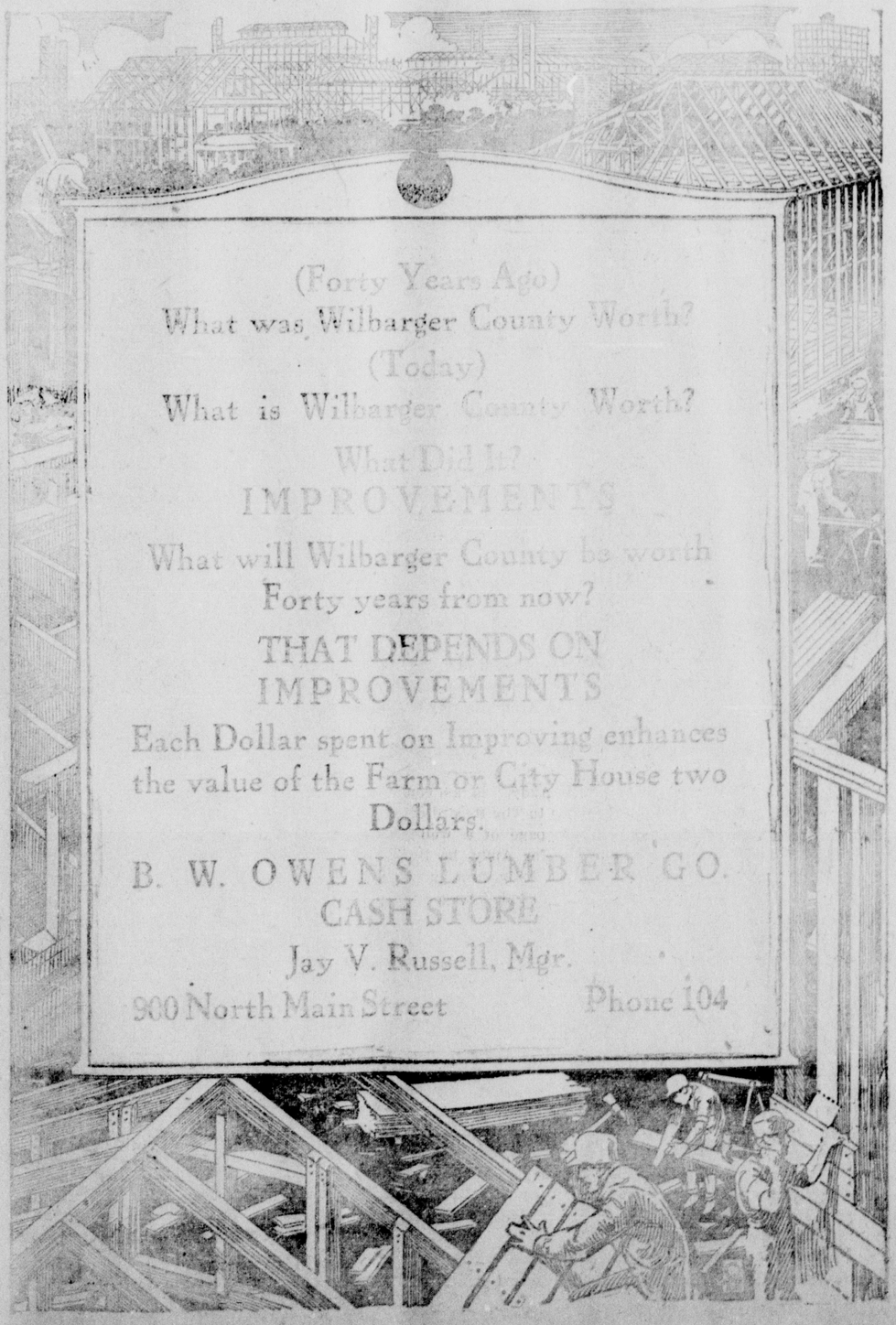
Johnny Patch, sired by the famous Dan Patch 1:55, another possession of Mr. Allison. This horse is being used mainly for breeding purposes but has run a mile in the speedy time of 2:15.

A mare by Walter Direct, and in the possession of the local breeder, has covered a mile in the pacemaker time of 2:15 3-4. This steed is from Springhill, Texas. His name is Louise Direct.

May Surpass Sire.

Another horse, Katherine Ann by John A., now owned by Allison, is said to be a better mare than the sire. She has paced the 2:10 to step off a mile in 2:08 1-4.

Mr. Allison sends horses all over this section, and to [illegible] Vernon [illegible]



(Forty Years Ago)
What was Wilbarger County Worth?
(Today)
What is Wilbarger County Worth?
What Did It?
IMPROVEMENTS
What will Wilbarger County be worth
Forty years from now?
THAT DEPENDS ON
IMPROVEMENTS
Each Dollar spent on Improving enhances the value of the Farm or City House two Dollars.
B. W. OWENS LUMBER CO.
CASH STORE
Jay V. Russell, Mgr.
900 North Main Street Phone 104

WE HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS
in Vernon
Over 27 Years

WE ARE BOOSTERS
for the Growth and Welfare
of the Town and County

CALL ON US

Renfro Hdw. Co.
"WE HAVE IT."
South Side Square Telep[illegible]

VERNON BUSINESS SECTION SHOWS WIDE VARIETY

Manufactories Play Prominent Part in Establishing Needs of Community—Changes Place Trade Territory Extends Into Europe—Is Centre of County Trading Activity.

Vernon's mercantile district is composed of approximately 250 establishments. Businesses represented range from bakeries to mills, from grocery stores to dry goods houses. There are two excellent [illegible] equipped [illegible] wealth of [illegible] five stories [illegible] four dime stores, [illegible] exceptionally [illegible] grocery establishments. Two flour [illegible] handle immense [illegible]

Two-thirds of those who patronize Vernon merchants live within five miles of the city, eighty per cent live within ten miles. Trade however, consistently comes from every part of the county.

Principle products of Wilbarger county consist of grain, cotton, livestock, oils, flour and staple goods of various sorts. Thirty new establishments have been set up in Vernon during the past year.

The school payroll in Vernon amounts to $4300 considered a neat sum for a city having a population trending [illegible]

Chamber of Commerce Active.

Vernon's Chamber of Commerce has taken an active part in the affairs of the city's industries. W. U. Coffee is president of the commercial body, and Joel Murray secretary. [illegible] has been [illegible] Vernon has [illegible] Vernon is considered one of the best dressed towns in the State?

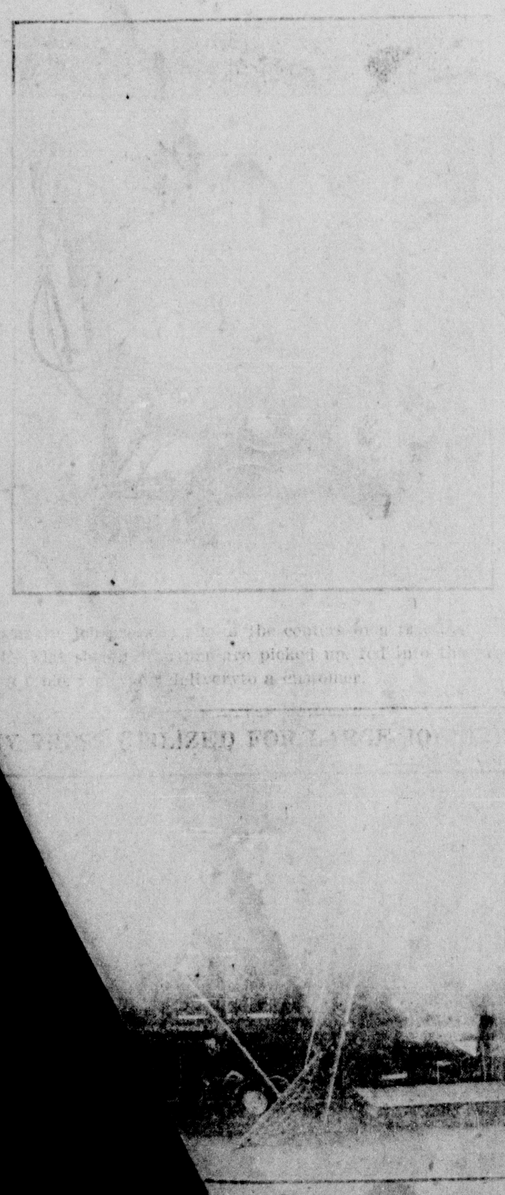
Vernon boys and girls at college make better grades than the average? Statistics prepared by the [illegible] of Texas last year indicated this fact.

People move to Vernon to send their children to school here?

Vernon has exceptional modern facilities for a town of its size?

Vernon is known as the shade tree [illegible]

WILL PRINT THEM WHILE YOU WAIT



[illegible] picked up, [illegible] delivered a customer.

[illegible] EQUIPPED FOR LARGE JO[illegible]

[illegible]ooks and other large job work. It is known [illegible] cylinder press.

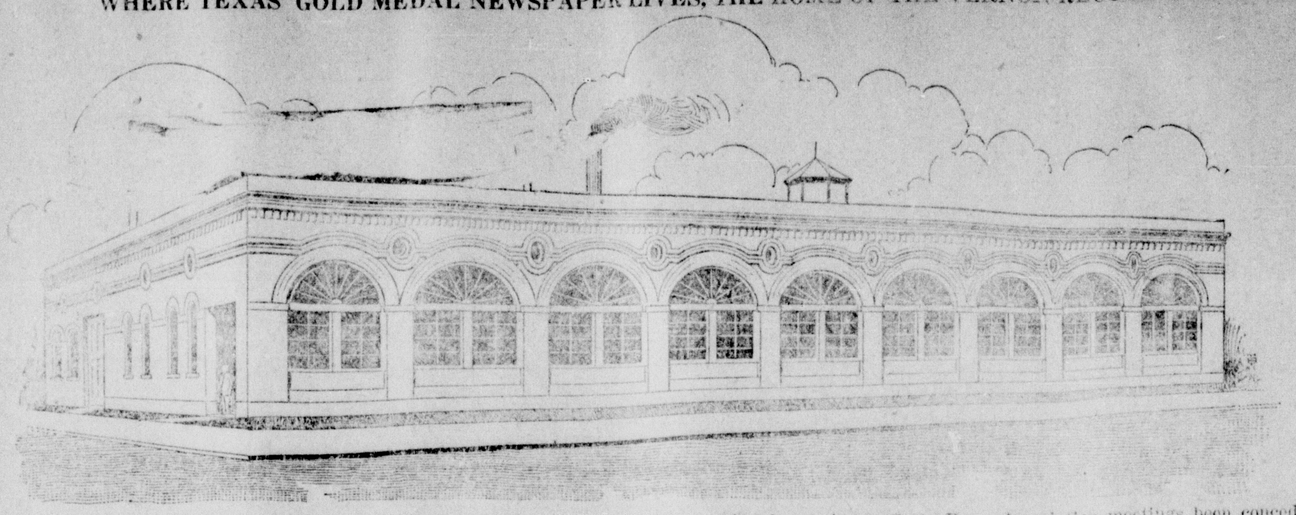
VERNON RECORD GIVEN VOTED BEST PAPER IN STATE

The Vernon Record, only semi-weekly [illegible] Wilbarger county, and twice [illegible] medal at the State [illegible] the best paper publish[illegible] week in Texas, is located [illegible] northeast corner of N. Main [illegible] streets. Its quarters con[illegible]

Stockholders in The Vernon Record are confined mainly to local townspeople. B. O. Brown is president and manager of the paper, L. G. Hawkins is vice-president and business manager, E. G. Schroeder is associate [illegible] and a stockholder [illegible] equipment [illegible] The Record is owned by the undersigned [illegible]

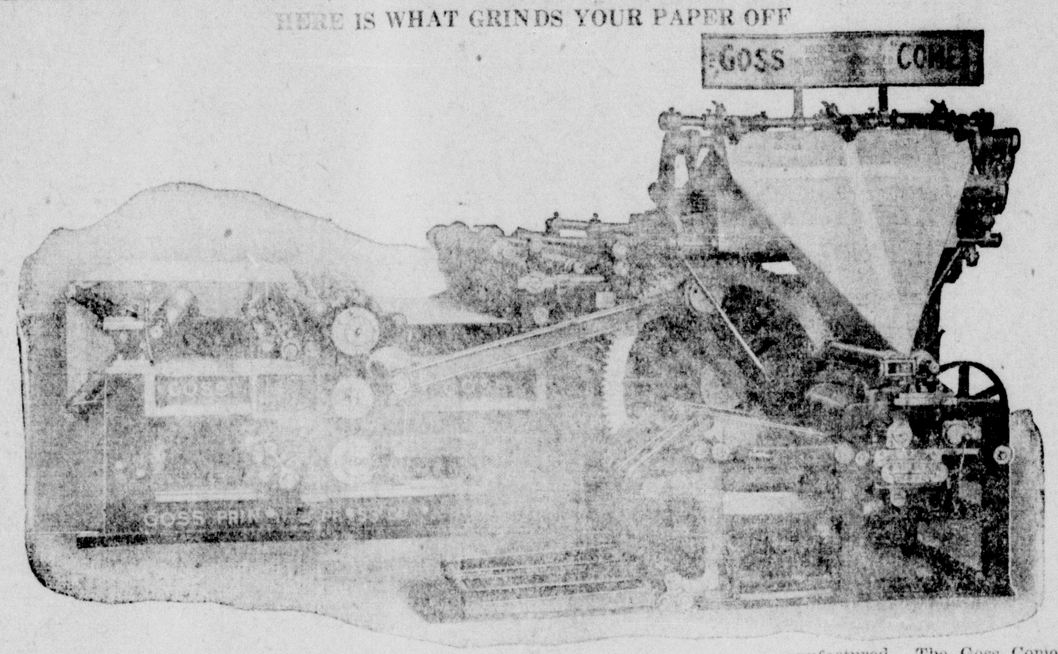
[illegible] Vernon Record [illegible]

WHERE TEXAS' GOLD MEDAL NEWSPAPER LIVES, THE HOME OF THE VERNON RECORD



In this handsome building there is issued twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays, what has twice at State Press Association meetings been conceded the best semi-weekly newspaper in Texas. The quarters are ample for the elaborate outlay of machinery owned by the Record. The building is light and airy, and [illegible] of [illegible]

HERE IS WHAT GRINDS YOUR PAPER OFF



The Vernon Record is printed on the most modern style of newspaper presses manufactured. The Goss Comet was installed in October, 1917. It produces 3,500 eight page papers per hour. The Record's entire circulation is run off in less than one hour, where it would take five hours under the old system. Blank paper is fed in a roll at one end of the machine. The press is automatic in its functions and prints, folds and delivers the paper complete at one operation.

E. C. SCHROEDER, NEWS EDITOR

E. C. Schroeder, news editor of The Record, is both an A. B. and B. J. graduate of the University of Missouri. The degree in journalism was taken in 1920, while he was graduated from the College of Arts a year later. Mr. Schroeder came to Vernon as soon as he received his degree in May, 1920.

Mr. Schroeder took training in Camp Zachary Taylor and Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and was commissioned second lieutenant in the Field Artillery. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, played three years on the football and basketball teams at the University of Missouri. His home is in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Serving as local correspondent for the Dallas News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Wichita Record-News [illegible] keep Mr. Schroeder busy when he is not gathering and writing [illegible] for The Record.

MRS. BERTHA ROSS.

The Record personally guarantees Mrs. Ross to be the best known lady [illegible] county. Furthermore [illegible] the most thoroughly posted individual locally concerning [illegible] and history in this vicinity. Mrs. Ross was the first white [illegible] in Wilbarger and came here with her father C. F. Dean.

That, however, is beside the point. The Record wants to infom its patrons that [illegible] as well as they is indebted to [illegible] for the large amount of [illegible] in this issue. Further [illegible] industrious lady gleaners that are also [illegible]

Her hour is 61 Deens and she is not a regular member of The Record staff. However, she is a wonderful "emergency" worker, and The Record deems itself fortunate in obtaining her services.

E. C. CHRISTIAN, BUSINESS MGR.

There are few residents of Vernon [illegible] pleasant [illegible] is not familiar. He has been connected with the Record only two months, but during that period he has [illegible] an astounding amount of job work, and is fast acquainting [illegible] to attend to every detail of the task before him.

Mr. Baird's policy is, "Make no mistakes." When a job order must be executed with exceeding caution, Mr. Baird is called upon to read the proof.

This member of The Record force is a well-known Wilbarger resident, and makes his home in West Vernon. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, an active lodge worker, and has many friends throughout this locality.

BANKS BENNETT, COMPOSER.

Banks Bennet has been with The Vernon Record four and one-half years, but has been a resident of this locality since 1884. He came to Vernon from Altus, Okla., and has been in the printing business since 1892.

Fourteen months Mr. Bennett spent on the staff of the old "Vernon Guard" and has been associated with a half dozen or more papers. His specialty is the composition of advertising matter. Mr. Bennett sets up a large number of ads which appear twice a week [illegible] Record.

[illegible] OPERATOR.

Mr. [illegible] Texan, though he has lived long enough in Oklahoma to claim that his home. However when the war was declared he joined the colors at Camp [illegible] Texas, in June, 1917. He went into the radio section of the signal corps and reached the rank of second lieutenant in the 19th Division. At the close of the war saying Texas came near losing her son for he was under orders to go to Siberia at that time. At present Mr. [illegible] is in the reserve, having been furloughed there when the armistice day ended the war.

ANDERSON C. SMITH, OPERATOR.

"Oh Andy," is as common an expression in The Record office as on the cartoon page of a well-known State daily. For Andy, be it known, The Record's Andy, is a sure source of information "when in doubt."

Mr. Smith is thoroughly versed in every phase of the printing business and an adept at whatever he puts his hand to. He is an excellent linotype operator, a make-up man par excellance and is, in fact, able to accomplish whatever task looms before him.

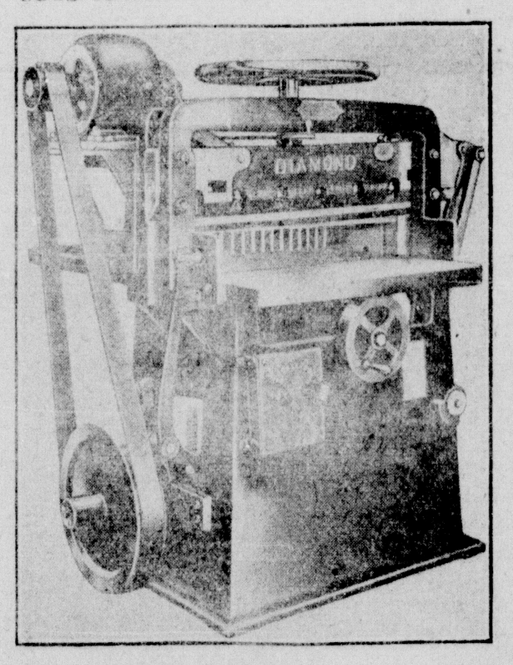
Mr. Smith is a quiet person of unruffled demeanor. He has manner of working steadily and conscientiously during every minute of every hour that wins him the respect of every man in the shop.

ALLEN STUART.

Allen Stuart is general utility man in The Record plant. His work varies from the casting of mats in which molten metal is used, to the operation of a job press. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stuart, and has lived in Vernon two years, coming from Waco.

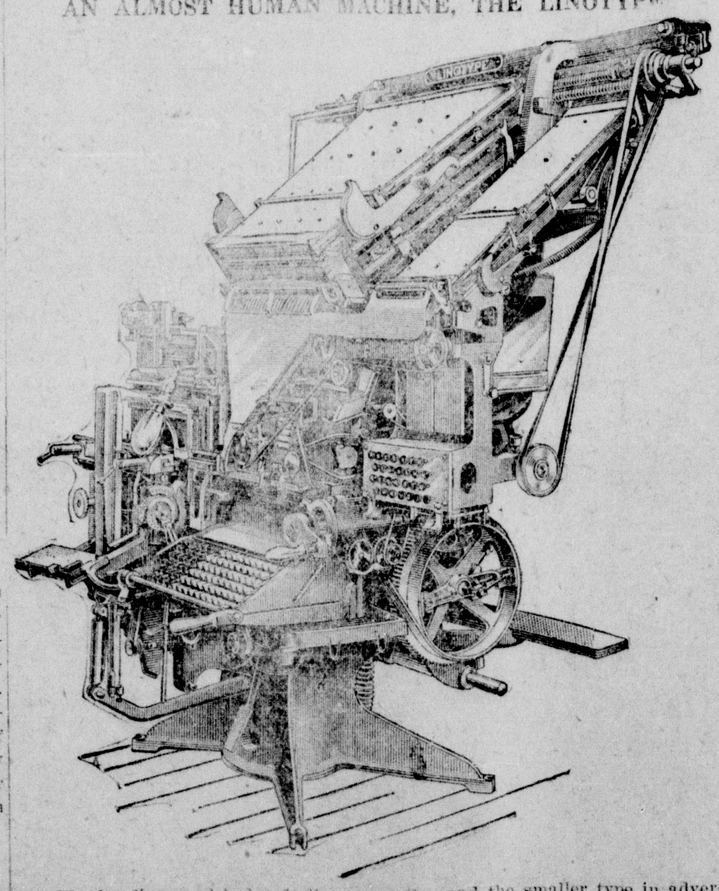
Stuart has been with The Record since a year ago last August.

CUTS THROUGH THE TALLEST STACK



Paper stock for job work is cut from large sheets before being sent to the pressroom for printing. The cutter as is all other machinery in the Record plant, is furnished power from its own individual motor.

AN ALMOST HUMAN MACHINE, THE LINOTYPE



The headings and body of all news matter and the smaller type in advertisements are set on this machine. It is a model 14 multiple magazine Linotype and it does the work of five men under the old hand system of setting type.

CLEVER LIGHT RAYS ARE GLOOM CHASERS

MODERN LIGHT PLANTS BRING COMFORT AND CHEER TO COUNTRYSIDE.

Light is a harbinger of cheer. Darkness an omen of despondency. As the plant instictively turns toward the light, souls reach out after the same. The first light was the red glow from the blaze of the camp fire as historic man rubbed the dry twigs together that ignited it.

Later the "tallow dip" took the place of fire places to be replaced later by the glass hand lamps of the fore fathers.

Then cities with a watchman armed with a latern, who nightly made his rounds calling out the time of night with "Alls Well," was the first street lighting system. Gas lamps replaced this and later the arc light made its appearance, and lit the "great white way" of the city's thoroughfare and its homes. And yet—the country slept in darkness and long winter nights found the country man and his family reading by the little glass lamp of grand father's time.

A good fairy who loved those who lived "next nature's heart," with his magic wand invented a lighting system that turned into a labor saver as well. Two of these wonderful things are the Delco Lighting and Western Electric systems. Now this busy servant has gone into the homes of the country side and transformed them into a town residence with all the modern conveniences and none of the draw backs of a city dwellig. The busy house wife turns on the current Monday morning, and the family wash is soon hanging on the line like the pictures the ad of a washing powder. Tuesday, if so inclined the electric iron, is brought off the shelf and the ironing is finisned in a jiffy. Wednesday is sweeping day and the "Missus" hooks the contraption to the vacuum sweeper and lo that job is done. Churning that task little Johnny hides from, is dispatched quickly.

And even "old Jersey" is given a drink from an electrically driven pump. Dish washing is a pleasure because they have by turning a tap—hot and cold water. A perfectly appointed bath room also contributes to their comfort and pleasure. Recently another good feature has been added, an ice machine that makes ice at home.

In the evening, the family gather round the big table where lessons are learned, games are played and mother with her book and father with his newspaper spend the evening.

As time for retiring arrives and the stock are given a good night inspection; a button is turned on at the kitchen door and the current speeds on it's way to light up the ghostly corner of the big barn. Shadows that caused shivers to chase up and down the small boy's spine are banished. Light the harbinger of hope has chased the gloom away.

The Western Electric system with Olen Turner as agent reports the following sales; Oklaunion and Harrold schools, J. B. Belcher of Odell, and Godfrey Streit.

C. M. Ladd, district sales manager for the Delco System has sold the following plants in the county: A. M. Bourland, Fletcher sisters, B. H. Lewis, General Auto Supply Company, W. A. Walker, Rex Boyd, H. M. King, C. L. King, W. F. Houtchins, Mrs. T. H. Holloway, P. H. Bingham, Mrs J. C. More, W. T. Hutchins, Adam Donges, Roscoe Rainwater, Will Parrish, R. A. Boyles, Farmers Union Gin at Rayland, J. H. Ayres, Bourland Consolidated School, T. B. Bourland, Mrs. I. M. Smith, Jones & Wiggins, S. B. Starr, G. L. Waggoner, Frank Flynn, Mrs. Electra Wharton, E. P. Waggoner, J. F. White, W. B. Germany, W. B. Covert, J. P. Starr, J. F. Gregory, A. D. Anderson, T. M. Haney, I. G. Showers, Doc Vaughn, A. H. Vaughn, Dr. J. C. King, E. T. Smith, F. N. Deanis, C. M. Kester, L. G. Hamilton, Mrs. O. H. Muller, S. W. Gable, H. W. Gray, J. M. King, Wilson Drug Company, G. A. Shultz, W. M. McCaleb, Clyde Muller, E. Bourland, R. P. King, J. R. Caldwell, W. S. Bourland, R. E. Harrell, T. Bodling, W. M. Schur, C. L. Green, Christian Church at Oklaunion.

IF A HAMMER WON'T DO IT, PERHAPS A SONG WILL

W. D. Smithson and S. J. Lynch are engaged in repairing automobiles and operating a machine shop on the east side of the square. The firm carries a line of hardware suitable for the repair of the rough parts of cars.

Mr. Smithson is a former resident of Hillsboro, but has spent most of his time in later years in this county. Mr. Lynch has been engaged in mechanical work for many years. "Mike" he is familiarly known about town, and his tenor voice of unusual quality can almost drown out the pneumatic hammer

ALL READY TO RE-TIRE YOU AT ONCE

Here is the General Auto Supply o., formerly owned by R. W. Farrell and Herb Thompson, but now owned by Farrell alone. Thompson is seen on the left, Farrell in the center, and Roy Thompson on the right.

NASH ESTABLISHES CLIMBING RECORD

NEGOTIATES CALIFORNIA HILL TWENTY SECONDS UNDER FORMER TIME

According to a telegram received by R. E. Hanks from California, the Nash Six holds the famous Palomar hill climbing record.

The message from California read that a stock sport model, previously driven 6,800 miles in four weeks, broke the record of ten years' standing from the foot of Palomar Mountain to Bailey Hotel, a distance of 12.7 miles. The time was 34 minutes 40 seconds, on a raise of nearly 5,000 feet. In one stretch of eight miles there are eighty sharp turns.

The former record established in 1912, by a car, stripped to the chassis, was 35 minutes. Twenty cars since have attempted unsuccessfully to lower that record. It had come to be regarded as unbeatable until William Halbritter, owner of a Nash sport model, expressed a firm conviction that a Nash Six would "outstrip anything on four wheels on any hill in the country."

Told To Break Record.

"Then climb Palomar Hill," he was told. So the climb was arranged. Halbritter placed Walter Folcke at the wheel, his only instruction being to "break the record."

The official report of the run relates that although the roads were bad after seven inches of rain on the mountain, the start was made, and the record established. The car had its top up and carried three passengers.

THERE'S A FELLOW NAMED LEAK UP THE STREET WHO CAN FIX IT

The Vernon Storage Battery Company, owned by James W. Leak and A. H. Newsom, was established at the present location on E. Wilbarger street in 1916. Mr. Leak moved here from Odell where he engaged in the garage business. The Leak family came to Wilbarger in 1888, and since that time has resided in this county.

This firm handles the Prestolite and Philadelphia batteries, and repair starters and generators. It also carries a complete line of electrical supplies. The personnel of the firm consists of the managers and owners, and H. W. Banner, John Wilbanks and S. H. Leak.

MAXWELL COMPANY PROMISES SURPRISE

NEW SERIES IS SAID TO HAVE AROUSED ENTHUSIASM WHEREVER SHOWN

The reception accorded the New Series of the Good Maxwell in Detroit, where more than 4,000 people visited the show room of the Thompson Auto Company the first day the cars were on exhibition and several thousand more viewed the cars during the following week, is being duplicated in every part of the country.

Reports coming into the general offices of the Maxwell motor Corporation indicate that the new series has aroused a most intense enthusiasm in each city where they have been shown. Not since the earlier days of the industry when changes in models were regarded as real events, has the same interest been shown.

Details Are Complete.

Comment is, naturally, on the pronounced beauty of the New Series and a marked impression is made by their completeness, particularly the attention to detail which is exhibited in the interior fittings of the four passenger Coupe and Sedan. But the open cars have by no means suffered in comparison and much favorable comment has been expressed regarding their trim design, handsome appearance and the numerous innovations which set them apart.

In both Chicago and New York thousands of people visited the show rooms and attendance records for a showing of cars was broken in Cleveland, Toledo, Buffalo and in other cities.

BATTERY REVIVERS USUALLY FALSE

PATRON PAYS FANCY PRICE FOR EXCEEDINGLY POOR SERVICE

In the old days, gasoline economizers were quite in style with the get-rich-quick fiends. They were much more common than they are now. One could buy them in powder, tablet or liquid form and probably administer them in homeopathic or allopthic doses—for the effect was just the same.

As long as the car owner was very careful to have the carbon removed from the engine cylinders, the valves ground and the carburetor adjusted, and then apply the so-called economizer to the fuel tank, he was certain to get greater mileage per gallon of gasoline. And no wonder!

The same thing applies to the present day storage battery 'rejuvenators," "recharging solutions," and what not, that are being sold as mysterious compounds and wonderful discoveries which recharge your storage battery in twenty minutes. Any battery service station can do the same thing by doping a batery with strong acid—but they know the harmful effect of such treatment.

Public Is Duped.

The surprising thing is the willingness of many people to pay fabulous prices, $3 to $5 being asked for a single application of these dopes when most storage battery service stations would do the same thing for 25 cents.

There is nothing mysterious about pouring strong acid solution into a discharged battery and having it operate in twenty or thirty minutes afterwards. Any service station can do that, but the normal way to recharge a battery is to pass a current of electricity through it and avoid injuring it or shortening its life. The quick way is to pay $3 to $5 for about 25 cents' worth of strong acid—and then suffer the consequences.

SEES BRIGHT PROSPECT.

Sales For Past Eighteen Months Give Rosy Tinge To Future For R. E. Hanks.

R. E. Hanks, manager of the Nash-Vernon Company, is optimistic over the outlook of the automobile industry, and especially Nash sales in Vernon. This agency was established two years ago and has occupied its present quarters on Cumberland street for the past eighteen months.

Twenty-eight Nash cars have been sold to satisfied customers in the past eighteen months, which is undoubtedly a splendid showing. A new model on display at the show rooms is considered the finest automobile ever designed by Nash. The features of the Greater Nash Six consist of a new straight line body finished in the beautiful high lustre Nash blue, new and lower top with large rectangular window in rear, lowered front seat with broader cushions and a more spacious compartment, lower shield, door handles of bright silver on outside of car, pocket in left front door for tool case and rear doors of increased size giving easier egress and ingress to car.

Other added features are parking lights on cowl, and an accurate gasoline gauge on dash. This feature, it is claimed, is possessed by few other cars. A powerful emergency brake is attached to the drum behind the transmission. The car is also equipped with specially designed easy riding springs and the Delco ignition and lighting system used.

A cork drilled cleanly through the center makes a neat joint for a broken gasoline pipe on a motor-cycle. The two broken ends of the pipe are stuck into opposite ends of the cork.

LIGHT and POWER ON THE FARM

Have you ever stopped to consider the comfort and convenience of ELECTRICITY on the FARM. Use it to LIGHT YOUR HOME and to SPEED UP YOUR WORK, as well as to relieve you of the drudgery of the daily tasks. There is a

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for EVERY NEED in the World—from lighting the smallest cottage to providing ELECTRICITY for a WHOLE TOWN. You can have an ICELESS REFRIGERATOR operated by a DELCO-LIGHT Plant, as well as any number of other conveniences which it provides. Come in and let us show you HOW USEFUL a DELCO can be.

Prices from $250 to $1675

C. M. Ladd, Dealer

Vernon, Texas

NASH

New Year Greeting

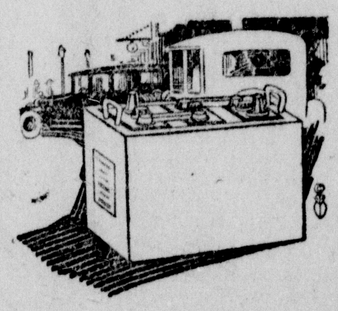
¶ We take this occasion to extend New Year Greetings to our Customers and Friends, and solicit a continuance of your patronage during 1922.

¶ We are moving to the Shive Building on North Main Street—just being vacated by the Hupmobile Sales and Service Agency. This will give us a more convenient location, and we will be in better position to serve you.

¶ Inquire about our New Prices on Nash Automobiles — the greatest value ever offered.

Nash-Vernon Co.

R. E. Hanks, Manager



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Prest-O-Lite Battery Service
Philadelphia Diamond Grid Batteries.

Your batteries are an important part of your Automobile. Cold weather is a dangerous time to neglect your Batteries.

Another battery is furnished you at a small cost while yours is being charged.

The trouble with your car is usually found to be run-down batteries. Have them re-charged and see the difference.

"Happy New Year"

Vernon Storage Battery Co.

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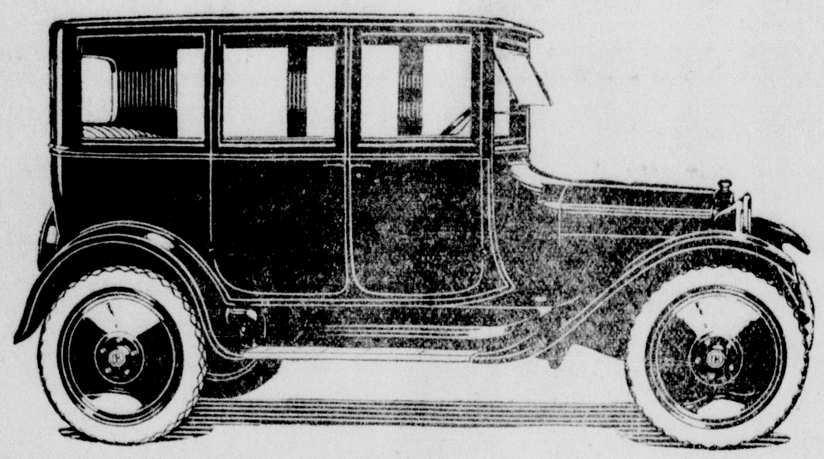

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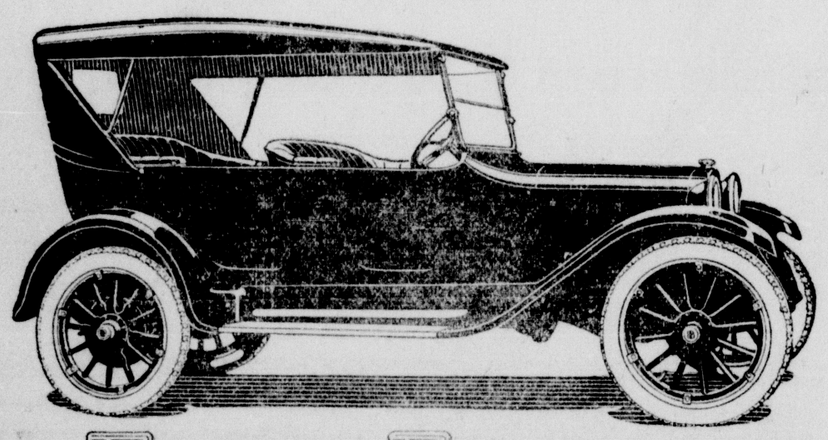

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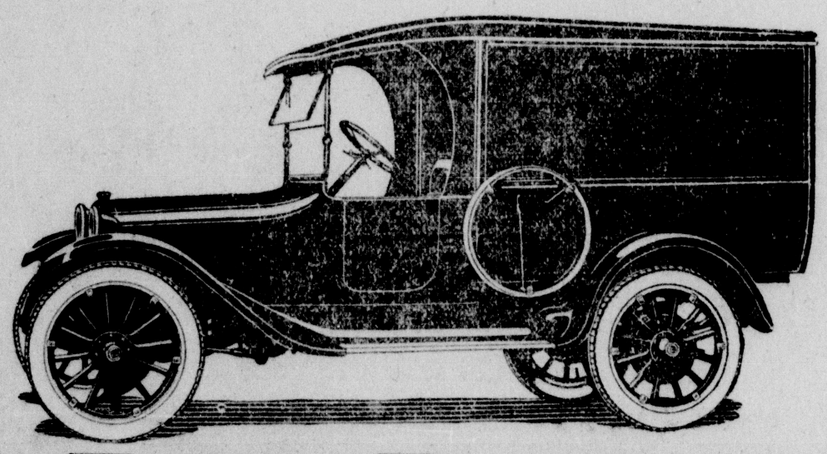

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NO MANUFACTURER has endeavored to give the public more for their money than has Dodge Brothers in their excellent products.

We are endeavoring to make 1922 a prosperous year by giving full value for every dollar spent with us.

The price of cars has been substantially reduced, as well as the price of parts, and a great deal of quality has been added.

Our service has been reduced and the standard of quality increased by maintaining the most efficient and capable personnel that can be obtained.

Wishing prosperity and happiness to all—

J. A. McFALL

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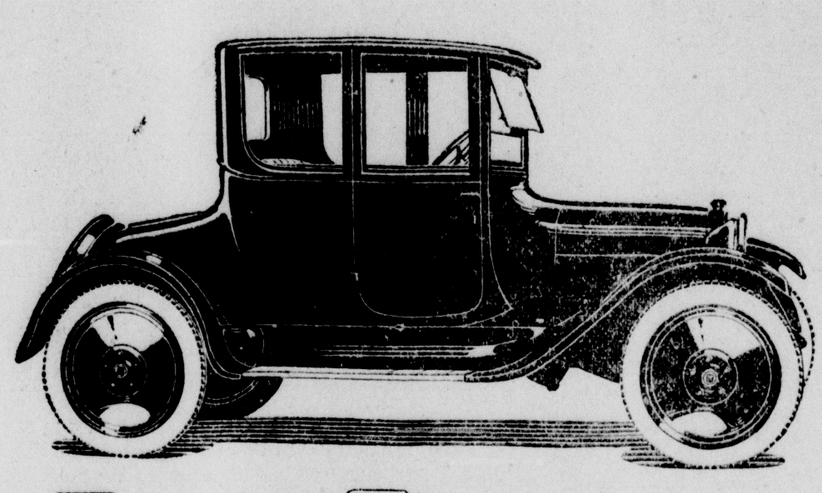

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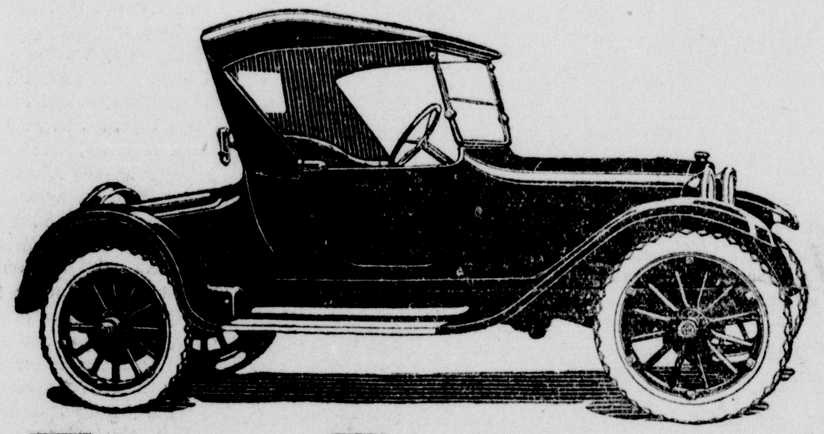

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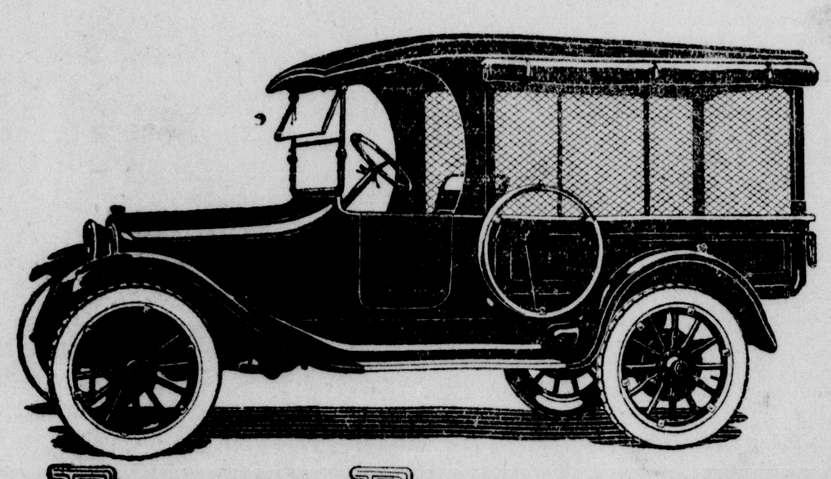

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Telehone 444

330 North Main St.

OKLAUNION BEGINS WITH JOE WRIGHT AS POSTMASTER

Name of Town Designated Union Between Lone Star State and Oklahoma—Founder Departs When Railroad Fails to Arrive—Pioneers Still Live in Section—Came Without Families.

November 22, 1888, the Fort Worth & Denver established a right of way at Oklaunion although there was a settlement of people there before that time. In the fall of 1889 Joe Wright, who occupied a dugout at that place, decided that as one railroad had already arrived and another bid fair to come, the settlement would be a second Harrold, which at that time promised to be a city. So he, of great faith, decided to start a town.

The railroad in question at that time was to have been one running from north to south and known as the Cattle Trail road. At one time it had been staked through Doans, and was supposed to wend its way over Texas along the same path traveled by countless thousands of cattle on what was known as the Dodge City trail.

Name Designates Union.

As a means of designating the union of the two states, "Buckskin Joe" Wright named the new young town Oklaunion, Texas, a union between the sooner state and the Lone Star empire. The department accepted this name and Buckskin Joe became the first postmaster at that place.

The town not coming up to his expectations on account of the non-appearance of the new railroad, Buckskin Joe departed for greener pastures and afterwards attempted to start a town site at Navajoe, near the Navajoe mountains in Oklahoma. He was a born advertiser and wagon load after wagon load of new settlers passed through this county anxiously inquiring the way to "Navajoe, Greer county." Their pronunciation of the new town there was nearly as accurate as the pronunciation of Mexia by the oil men who flock to this new Eldorado.

Movement Continues.

Others took up the burden that had slipped off the shoulders of Buckskin Joe and men of dependability settled in and near the little village. Baptists built a church there in the early days and it still stands in the village, though unused at present. Rev. J. T. Hosmer, Methodist minister, held services there also.

A two story hotel was erected along about boom days and was presided over by a Mr. Tucker. P. M. Morris, deciding that a lumber yard would yield handsome returns, brought a branch of his Harrold plant to this place. Mr. Butler was manager of this yard. Mr. Morris lives in Vernon today.

Teacher From "Sticks."

The first school master was Prof. Dunnagin and came from the "sticks." He was a good teacher and well liked by all. In 1897, Lon Byars moved from his farm to the little town to educate his children. He spent two years there and since that time he or some of his children have engaged in business there. Mr. Byars at present lives in Vernon.

Some of the early settlers were C. C. King, an uncle of the King brothers of that place. Mr. Abbott, who had a general merchandise store there first in that place, D. L. Greene, who lives in Vernon, J. P. King, president of the First Guaranty Bank of Vernon, and Dr. Dr. T. A. King of this city.

I. M. Smith a Pioneer.

I. M. Smith, a native of Kentucky, came to this county in 1894 and with his family lived near Harrold for two years. He then moved to his farms near Oklaunion, where his family lives today in a handsome brick home on a six section wheat farm. Mr. Smith died in 1915 but as a successful farmer and business man helped to put the Oklaunion country on the map agriculturally. Part of this fine place is rented, but most of it is managed by Ed T. Smith, a son.

The King Bank & Mercantile Company erected the first brick buildings at this place and at present the building is occupied by the two grocery stores of Ben Scheluchin, and Clay Brite. Mr. Brite is the present postmaster. The First Guaranty Bank occupies the west side of the building.

Kings Real Monarchs.

The King Brothers sold their holdings and in later years have confined themselves to farming their 2,500 acres. Dr. J. C. King, and Dr. Tom King of Harrold and Vernon respectively, are the exceptions. The other five, Bass, Hugh, Mout, Roy and Ulyss are putting down a test well for oil within a half mile of Oklaunion.

Lon Byars, of whom mention has been made before, moved to this section of the county in 1879 and owns 1,000 acres of alfalfa and wheat land west of the town. Mr. Byars is an advocate of cotton. He thinks that without this crop that the schools would never have amounted to much at this place.

Families Were Scarce.

The large wheat farms were owned at first by men who "bached" and children were few and far between. After some of the farms were planted to cotton, more people were needed to till the soil and as families arived the children of course, made the schools.

Western towns in those days were noted for their many saloons; but Oklaunion, surprisingly enough, was never awarded that doubtful honor.

PIONEERS DISCOVER WEALTH IN COUNTY

TEAM OF HORSES SELECTS SITE OF HOME FOR H. A. BELL AND FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bell, living four miles from Odell in the Pleasant Valley community, are sitting back enjoying the fruits of their labors as pioneers in a western country. Undismayed by sand storms, drouths and floods, they have stayed on and great has been the reward.

In August 1883 they drove up in front of the site of their future home. The family in wagons had made a long journey from Dallas county. Undecided where to go they let the horses take their course and as they headed west they drove on until they were ready to stop. Here they have remained until this day, and still rejoice at their decision.

Constructs Dugout.

Mr. Bell, assisted by his oldest sons, at once dug a two room dugout and prepared for the winter months. The family occupied this two room shelter until twenty-six years ago, when they erected their present home of eight rooms. A few years later they added two more rooms.

Have Attractive Home.

The house is situated a short distance from the road in a splendid grove of black locusts and is one of the best residences in that part of the county. At the rear of the home are large barns erected seventeen years ago to protect the stock and house the bumper crops raised on the place.

Most persons, following the custom of the country, leave their implements where they finish using them. Not so with Mr. Bell and his sons. Seven years ago they built an implement house and in it is stored all the farm machinery when crop time is over.

Plants Wood Supply.

Twenty-five acres of their land is in orchard. Here the well-known Elbertas of the sandy land grow. Fifteen acres is in alfalfa and makes a splendid yield. In this county locusts grow like black eyed peas, and Mr. Bell, taking advantage of the fact, has planted eight acres in these trees which furnish him with wood.

The Bells use a tractor and eighteen head of horses to cultivate their 1,780 acre farm, and also own their own binders and thresher to harvest their crops.

Donate Home For School.

Realizing the need of a school in that community, Mr. and Mrs. Bell gave the use of one room of their dugout for a school house. Later, the pupils becoming great enough in numbers a school house was erected on the Pleasant Valley site. For years and even now this place is designated as Bell's school house.

Great revivals have been held here in years gone by, but now the Methodists hold services on a corner of Mr. Bell's land not far from the home of the pioneer.

Was First Teacher.

Miss Gabie E. Betts, now Mrs. Gabie Betts Burton, teacher in the Clarendon College and writer on religious subjects, taught the first school at this place.

Mrs. Belle Holloway, who at that time was Miss Hull taught three years here. Mrs. Holloway now lives at Odell. Miss Ethel Phillips was also an early teacher at Bell's.

Professor Elihu Dockery and sister, Miss Mary Dockery, are the present teachers.

One Son A Minister.

Six sons are living and Fladger, Roy and Sebe work on this tract of land. Arthur at present is in Quanah, although he also farms his own land here.

Walter was recently ordained a minister in the Baptist church and is in school at Fort Worth. Lloyd is in Colorado. The youngest son, Sebe, who recently married Miss Coffey of Dallas, lives at the home place with his parents.

Soil Prolific.

Twenty-four 500 pound bales were produced this year by Mr. Bell and his sons. In fact, twenty acres produced each 585 pounds of cotton. This crop ginned thirty-eight per cent lint, a remarkable yield.

It was grown in sandy land soil and planted late in May. A rain in June provided practically all of the moisture. The fields were cultivated three times and given no extra attention.

Excellent Yield On Strip.

On the same strip of land there has been produced sixty-five bushels of oats and twenty-eight bushels of wheat to the acre. Eighty bushels to the acre in oats is the best record thus far on the farm.

The H. A. Bell place is located eighteen miles west of Vernon, and four miles east of Odell.

WOULD NOT SELL AT ANY PRICE

J. R. ROSS WON'T EVEN PUT VALUATION ON PRODUCTIVE FARM

Three hundred and twenty acres of some of the finest land in Wilbarger county lie about sixteen miles north of Vernon. J. R. Ross of Odell owns this productive tract, and when questioned as to what he would accept as a purchase price candidly replied, "I wouldn't think of selling." Thus, indirectly but none the less forcibly, Mr. Ross has placed his value upon the land.

On between 130 and 140 acres this year ninety-six bales of cotton were produced. One hundred and six loads of corn were grown on the place this season. No wheat was sown for 1921, but in 1919 there was harvested thirty-two bushels to the acre.

Is Sandy Loam.

The soil is sandy loam, and every foot is productive. Mr. Ross rents out the place to two families, H. P. Killett and R. H. Moroney. Maroney came recently from Denton county practically penniless, and the past year purchased all his feed, supplied good and sufficient food for his family, bought an automobile, a span of mules, a piano, and various other necessities and even luxuries.

Mr. Ross came to this county thirty years ago. He rented land in 1902, and finally obtained the present rich 320 acres at $9.50 an acre. Its worth today is more than twelve times that amount.

Battendorf & Battendorf
CHIROPRACTORS
If you are sick investigate, results are what you want.
Rooms 6-7—Denny Bldg.
Lady Attendant
Phones—Office 598—Residence 103

To My Friends and Customers

This is to express my Sincere Thanks to you for the Splendid Patronage you all have given me the past year. I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Always remember that I am ready to do your Painting and Papering.

I have a fine line of 1922 wall paper samples to select from.

Chas. Withers
Painter and Paperhanger
Phone 477

GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR

We would feel ungrateful if we did not take occasion to Thank our Friends and Customers of 1921 for the MOST VALUABLE of all gifts—their patronage. For 1922 we wish you Prosperity, Peace and Friends without number.

Our New Year Resolve

These stores are RESOLVED TO SERVE YOU even more efficiently during 1922 than in the past. You may be sure of always obtaining from us Prompt and Courteous Service, Groceries of the highest Quality, and a Conscientious Effort to MERIT a Continuation of YOUR PATRONAGE.

Massie-Vernon Grocery Co.
'Phones 619 and 721

Massie-Wright Grocery Co.
'Phones 47 and 747

FAITHFUL THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

—This bank has always bent its efforts toward SERVING the largest possible number of customers in the most constructive and helpful way.

—It has never wavered from its policy of absolute SAFETY, its adherence to the SOUNDEST BANKING PRINCIPLES, and its sincere desire to serve a larger circle of firms and individuals from year to year.

—We take this occasion to wish our FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS a Happy New Year; and to PLEDGE AGAIN OUR FAITH IN WILBARGER COUNTY.

WAGGONER NATIONAL BANK

Robert Houssels, President.
L. G. Hawkins, Active Vice-President.
W. O. Anderson, Vice- President.
T. H. Shive, Vice-President.
L. E. Piper, Cashier
S. C. Hogsett, Assistant Cashier.
W. H. Huggins, Assistant Cashier
H. O. Colley, Assistant Cashier
E. Norwood, Assistant Cashier

HARROLD A BOOM TOWN WHEN FIRST TRAIN ARRIVES

Excursion Comes From Wichita Falls and Much Excitement Attends Bidding for Lots—Settlement Springs Up at Once—Personnel of Those Who Lived There in Old Days.

Harrold ranked as a boom town from the date of the arrival of the Fort Worth & Denver, in 1885. In June, 1885, the first excursion on that road came into the new town site. For site at that time was all there was.

The excursion came up from Wichita Falls, and had been well advertised by those interested in selling lots. The train was so crowded that it was necessary that the passengers walk up from the water tank as the engine could not make the grade with all aboard.

Led By Band.

A brass band headed the procession into the prospective city and did yeoman service. Early that morning, to add to the excitement of the occasion a man bathing in the new railroad tank was drowned.

Divers went down after the body but failed to locate it. Finally some men went down on China creek to a Mr. Ogle's place and borrowed a rake. They tied ropes to this implement and fished the unfortunate man out.

Bid For Lots.

As soon as the special train arrived the fun of bidding on the town lots started. These lots, on a bald prairie sold from $100 to $1,000, and the excitement was as great as if a gusher had just come in, or a gold rush was on.

That night stores in tents sold goods over their counters, and saloons housed in the same kind of shelter offered liquid refreshments over the bar.

True, a few courageous souls had settled there in expectation of the railroad's arrival, but the main army arrived when the big excursion from Wichita Falls came marching into town.

Byars Finds Buyer.

Lon Byars, for many years a resident of this county, assisted by his brother, the morning of the boom killed an antelope and sold it to some "tender foot" for $25.

Saloons flourished and in August of 1885, thirteen had started business there. This number soon was swelled to sixteen, and after that one of the old timers claims to have lost count.

The grave yard at Harrold was started by the "planting" of prominent citizens of that place "who died with their boots on." George Cramner, a notorious man of the west, was killed there by a ranger during the boom and was brought back to a more peaceful place for burial at Doans.

Some Of The Early Ones.

A. J. Shayne, proprietor of a progressive business firm of Harrold in the early days, announces in his advertisement that you will find him on Main street two blocks from the depot, where he sells dry goods as cheap as could be bought anywhere."

J. E. Cobb, an enterprising confectioner of that city, was found at no. 9 Front street.

Dr. S. S. Sumpter, physician and surgeon, was found over Ramsey's Drug store. An other drug store was that of C. E. McComas & Company.

D. C. Milan sold feed of all kinds and flour and bran " as a special inducement."

Fred Ripps was a manufacturer and dealer in Texas and California saddles, harness, bridles and spurs. In the four page special edition of the Vernon Guard in 1886 he is the only advertiser that has a cut of any kind to show what was sold with the exception of owners of brands on cattle.

Mr. Ripps was a famous saddle maker and his wares were known all over the west. When boom days were over, the leather man went with C. J. Green & Company to Quanah where he worked several years. He then went back to Wichita Falls.

From Vernon To Harrold $1.50.

The U. S. Livery stables had stands at Wichita Falls, Harrold and Vernon. Mr. Soule was manager at Wichita Falls, Oscar Holman at Harrold and Chas Lockwood at Vernon. The Company also operated the mail lines from Wichita Falls to Seymour and Archer City. The fare at that time over the routes was $2.50 round trip or $1.50 single fare from Vernon to Harrold. Mr. Holman, who died several years ago, also had a livery stable in the early nineties. His son Oscar Holman still lives in Vernon. Mr. Lockwood now lives in the east, but visited Vernon three months ago.

The livery business at that time was a veritable gold mine as cow boys and clerks kept the buggies and horses on the go night and day. True, horses did not last long but they were cheap and there were plenty of them to supply the demand.

Hardware at Harrold.

Two hardware stores, Anthony & Swartwood, and C. J. Green & Company, advertised in the Vernon Guard their large stocks of hardware, stoves, agricultural implements, McCormick reapers and binders, Garden city plows, and Deering binders. J. L. Swartwood lives in Vernon and the hardware firm of that name here was founded by him. The junior partner of Green & Company, Martin Stowdy, a traveling salesman now for a hardware company in Chicago, sells goods in Vernon.

Mr. Stowdy says that gambling ran wide open and lawlessness flourished until it was necessary to call in the rangers. Saloons and dance halls were the only places for entertainment at that time and cow boys shot up the town nightly.

Shoots Out Windows.

Mr. Swartwood in speaking of the late but not lamented George Cramner says that one day the "Hon. George," full of firewater and out for mischief, happened to notice his modest little hardware store. He gravely rode up and took a good look at it. Unfortunately something about the lighting displeased him, so he drew his forty-five and raked the glass out of both front windows. After he had "slept it off" he returned and paid the owner for the damage to his building.

That was an unwritten law of the west. No one ever failed to pay for the damage inflicted on his neighbor's property when sobered up and told how naughty he had behaved. If anyone was killed, that was a different matter.

For instance, Will Griffin in his camp on Wanderers creek while in a playful mood shot and killed three companions at one shot. He was placed in jail but was soon bailed out and freed with a small fine because the deed was done in the spirit of fun and not with malace of forethought.

Burying A Specialty.

Fakes & Company of Fort Worth had a branch house at Harrold and in their advertisement in the Vernon Guard of 1886 emphasize the fact that they sell coffins and carpets and "undertaking is a specialty." It is no wonder for their services were needed nearly every day.

The Windsor House was the big hotel of the city. Meals served there cost $1.25 per person. The rules of the house forbade men to eat without a coat. Should one be so unlucky as not to possess a coat, the obliging clerk loaned one. Turkey red table cloths with fringed napkins of the same hue adorned the long tables. Absence of screens added to the exercises if not the comfort of the guests.

This was remedied, however, by the installation of fly brushes suspended over the tables and worked by a cord in the hand of some husky youth. The flies soon learned this and took many a ride on the new merry-go-round.

Had It On Tap.

J. F. Cain supplied the town of Harrold with ice and states in an advertisement of April 1886 that he "can supply all other neighboring towns with the same commodity." He also sold beer in large quantities, the 6 or 7 per cent kind, "imported, bottled, and keg domestic," so his ad reads.

Appleby and English were land agents and surveyors as also were H. A. Lewis, and J. M. Thompson. In fact, real estate men were nearly as thick there as "lease hounds" are in an oil country.

Mr. English remained near Harrold long after the other agents folded their tents. Later when the boom struck Lawton, Okla. in 1902, he went there.

Sold 'Em Pine Boarding.

The Mayfield Lumber Company and William Cameron Lumber Company both were on the "ground floor" at the new town. One citizen of that place states that he bought lumber from them for $7.50 per thousand feet. Until these firms moved on as the railroad did, the citizens of Wilbarger and Greer counties as well as other western counties, lived in dug outs and log houses. The first dwelling erected in Wilbarger was made of pickets stuck upright in the ground and chinked with mud. The roof was dirt covered and the floor was of the same material.

Robinson Brothers & Company was the first wholesale grocery company in Harrold and did a thriving business. Before that time goods were hauled from Gainesville, in Cook county, and Wichita Falls. Up to that time freight was hauled in wagons from Cook county. This firm also sold at retail.

Pioneer Dry Goods Merchant.

O. P. Wood & Company was one of the dry goods firms of that place. Mr. Wood was a brother to Dr. B. K. Wood of Vernon, who was among one of the first to establish that kind of business in the lower Panhandle.

Like all progressive western towns, Harrold was not complete without the ever present news paper. Will Doak pulled the old Washington press for this breezy little sheet. B. Wilson Edgell, editor of "The Guard," often went down into the land of shootin' arms and returned with his scalp and page ads from the business men of that city. They were liberal advertisers in those days.

F. N. Davis ran a wagon yard at Harrold in boom times and at one time in the early days had a yard in Vernon. In fact, Mr. Davis owned wagon yards all over this new country and was very successful. He owned lots in every new town of any note on the Fort Worth & Denver. He is now in business at Mangum, Okla.

C. W. Israel & Company from Illinois conducted a private banking business at Harrold with a capitalization of $25,000. The firm owned a bank at Henrietta.

No Churches Erected.

It is said that no churches were erected in the town of Harrold during the boom, though Rev. J. T. Hosmer, a circuit rider of the Methodist church, held services there as did a Baptist minister.

Some of the early business men and farmers were; J. P. Bennett, W. R. Piper, D. H. Vaughn, John Hale, R. Cobb, I. M. Smith, P. M. Morris, L. E. Piper, Nick Piper, E. F. Piper, Anderson Smith, C. A. Allingham, John Showers, Dewey Morris, Ollie Morris, John Morris, Sam Kelly, Albert Mason, C. B. Mason, Ira Showers, and P. H. Robinson.

OWNS ELEVEN SECTIONS.

George B. Ancell One Of The Largest Ranchers In This Part Of The State.

George B. Ancell, living seven miles south of Electra, typifies the ranching interests of Wilbarger. He owns eleven sections of land, partly in Wichita and partly in this county.

Mr. Ancel raises black poll cattle, and has been a resident of this section since 1886. On an average of 1,000 head of cattle are kept on his extensive holdings.

LADD & ADAMS
TAILORS
215 E. Pease Phone 417

HIS PLUCK WINS HIM A FORTUNE

C. D. SHELTON CAME TO COUNTY ON PONY AND NOW IS LARGE LANDOWNER

C. D. Shelton of Odell is a worthy example of the guerdon to be won through perseverance and pluck in farming. Laboring, trading, using painstaking effort on all occasion, he has progressed from a forlorn individual who came to this locality on a pony, to an established land owner with two sections in Wilbarger and 3,000 broad acres in Beckham county, Oklahoma.

Mr. Shelton rented 100 acres in 1892 and sowed it in wheat. There straightway came storms which blew out the grain on all but sixteen acres. This tract produced sixten bushels to the acre. Ten cents a bushel was paid for threshing one-third of a bushel went to the landowner, and the bushel itself sold for twenty-five cents. With this munificent encouragement—Mr. Shelton stayed on.

Cotton Proves Backbone.

He finally traded an interest in thirteen head of cattle for an interest in one-half section of land. Some of this he owns today. Cotton has been his principle crop, although he has met with marked sucss in raising corn and alfalfa.

Today this progresive farmer owns between 100 and 150 head of livestock, and has raised some registered animals. He has used what may aptly be termed "common gray matter" in the methods he employs in getting ahead. Mr. Shelton, who planted some of the first cotton in the county, put none in the ground the past year because he possessed a surplus from the year before.

His renters, however, planted 500 acres. Crops this year have been mainly wheat and corn, the latter producing fifteen bushels per acre. Two thousand pounds of meat have been cured by this industrious farmer and his family.

Married By C. F. Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton were married on Christmas Day, 1898 by C. F. Doan, then justice of the peace. Mrs. Shelton was Miss Ada Holloway, daughter of T. H. Holloway on whose land the town of Odell was built.

Mr. Shelton is a firm believer in diversification. He credits any amount of success he has met with in obeying the principle of rotating his crops, and believes it is sure to bring results.

MAY the New Year bring you Peace, Prosperity and Contentment.

NED CURTIS

"LET ME MAKE YOUR OLD SHOES LAST LONGER"

New Year Greeting

To our Friends and Customers we extend BEST WISHES for the New Year. You will find us in the same old location, with the best of EQUIPMENT and WORKMEN to do all of your repair work.

Lowke Brothers

Pease and Fannin Streets

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Resolved:

That we will give the best service that is possible to give during the coming year in doling out that FAMOUS BRAND of INSURANCE THAT INSURES.

We appreciate your trade and the MORE YOU TRADE the more we appreciate. Our supply of appreciation is unlimited.

In making your resolutions, kindly point some of them in our direction.

Yours for a goodyear

Office Phone 257
Residence Phone 221
Waggoner National Bank Building

C. S. McColloch
(Old Mc)

We Believe in Vernon

The W. E. Thomas Lumber Company believes in Vernon and Wilbarger County. We believe that the DEVELOPMENT of this Town and County are limited only by the Energy, Determination, and Pull-Together Spirit of every citizen; and that no other place in Texas offers the Farmer or Business Man greater opportunities than may be found right here.

NEW YEAR GREETING

We take this occasion to thank our Friends and Customers for business during 1921 and to wish Every One Peace and Prosperity for 1922—and suggest that

One Good New Year Resolution

Would be a determination to Own Your Home another year. We maintain a complete stock of building materials. In addition, we strive to SERVE OUR CUSTOMERS by advising with them on all building problems presented to us. It is our pleasure to help you.

W. E. Thomas Lbr. Co.

Vernon, Texas.

PROMINENT FIRM HAS MODEST START

J. L. SWARTWOOD LOADED GOODS ON FLAT CAR AND CAME HERE IN 1886

Businesses have been started on shoe strings 'tis said, and tall oaks from little acorns grow has also been cited, but the business of Swartwood & Company had its beginning in a little tin shop where now stands the double brick building of this company.

The fall of 1886 after the railroad reached Vernon, Mr. Swartwood loaded his small stock of tin goods and hardware on a flat car and pulled out from Harrold for the new boom town on the Pease.

Lot Rented For $6.

He rented a lot where the Fergeson Drug Company now stands for six dollars a month, erected a shop and started in. In 1893, he sold out and moved to his present location, erecting a corrugated iron structure 20 by 30 feet. Here he had his tin shop and added a small stock of hardware. Ten years later, he erected the first brick. In 1907 he put up another brick as his business grew. Mr. Swartwood claims to have made the first metal tubs in existence.

Mr. Swartwood's business expanded so rapidly that in 1910 he persuaded W. A. Lane to come into the firm and help take care of it.

New Partners.

In 1918, J. E. Collins and George J. Mason bought in this firm. Mr. Collins still retains his partnership in this growing concern, but in 1920 C. S. Rutledge of Tolbert took over Mr. Mason's interest.

The business is of necessity divided into departments. The office force consists of W. A. Lane as manager with George James as bookkeeper and Miss Texas Coffee as cashier and stenographer. Here all the routine business is handled.

J. L. Swartwood, J. E. Collins, C. S. Rutledge, and J. V. Roberts have charge of the hardware department which is subdivided into general hardware, heavy hardware, stoves and ranges, glass ware and queensware cutlery and silverware, poultry and dairy supplies, sporting goods, guns and ammunitions, mill supplies, belts and pulleys, kitchen supplies in aluminum, tin and granite, paints, oils and varnishes, wind mills, gasoline engines, pumps and pumpers.

Is Well Equipped.

The harness and saddlery department with P. M. McKinley and J. D. Buhl: the tin shop with J. R. Burgess and R. E. Spears, and C. F. Swartwood and J. E. Spears as mechanics make up the other divisions of this busy store.

The buildings have a floor space of 16,500 square feet and last year the firm did a tremendous business. It is no exaggeration to assert that Swartwoods have the best arranged and equipped hardware store west of Fort Worth in Texas.

Elliott News.

Elliott, Dec. 29.—(By special correspondence.)—The Elliott Home Demonstration Club met December 26 with Mrs. Alice Snodgrass, 21 members present and 9 visitors. The following program was rendered:

Roll call—Response with scripture verse.

Reading of scripture by Mrs. W. E. Crim.

Song by the club—"Help Somebody Today."

Poem by Mrs. Henderson—"The Gift Scale."

Piano solo by Miss Estelle Kirk.

Reading—Miss Grace Kelly.

Song by Misses Lyda and Ura Wilkerson and Nona Mathews.

Recitation—Sue Gribble.

Violin solo—Miss Grace Kelly.

Reading—Mrs. Joe Boaz.

Piano solo—Miss Ruth Walker of Vernon.

Song by the club—"Somebody."

Recitation—"Encouragement" by Miss Grace Kelly.

Song—"Maggie O'Neal" by Misses Lyda and Ura Wilkerson and Miss Nona Mathews.

Talk by Mrs. W. E. Crim in the good of the order.

After the program there was an election of officers as follows: President, Mrs. Claud Waggoner, vice president Mrs. Joe Boaz, secretary Mrs. E. B. Gillis. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Hobart Rainwater, January 9.

Mrs. John J. Richards of Paducah came in last week to visit her brother, R. B. Gibson and mother, Mrs. M. L. Gibson, here.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Massie and daughter Adonell, Mrs. Anna Witherspoon and daughter, Wenzella and Mrs. Josephine Collins of Wichita Falls arrived Christmas eve for a visit with Mrs. Harry Mason and

CLUB MEMBERS WIN PRIZES

Boys and Girls Have Successful Year Under Management of County Agents

Five hundred and five boys and girls joined the various clubs organized by Guy L. Jones and Misses Edith Lacy and Eula Goodfellow during this year.

Two girls, Misses Marie and Vera Collins, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins of Odell, entered the baby beef club with two shorthorn calves.

The pig club had 111 members; the sheep club 3, the dairy calf class boasted of 7 and the baby beef club had 11 members.

Among the grain crops and vegetables are found 14 enrolled for peanuts, 58 for corn, cotton 12, Irish potatoes 3, while the grain sorghums swell the list with, milo maize 48, kaffir corn 28, and feterita 18.

The girls had enrolled in their particular clubs: poultry 110, home improvement 181, and canning 57. The girls in home improvement were taught sewing, to cook everything "from soup to fish", laundry work. Even old-fashioned darning and patching were learned by the up-to-date young women.

At the annual meeting of the short course at the A. & M. college, Miss Ramal Butler of Oklaunion won first prize on sewing, and Miss Vineta Little of Harrold carried off fourth honors in competition with fifty others.

Trips were won during the county fair by ten boys and girls in the various clubs and these were donated by public spirited citizens of the town and county.

Work submitted by Miss Helen Richie of the Wildcat community on sewing, darning and home improvement, brought three first prizes at the State Fair. Miss Ruby January of Haulk neighborhood received first prize on two quarts of canned vegetables at the State Fair.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy and has the same effect on Jill; so July 4th, forty-five girls spent two days at Allingham Park in this city and were entertained by swimming parties, picture shows and sight seeing. Mrs. Phoebe K. Warner from Claude, addressed them and other prominent men and women assisted in their entertainment.

In August the boys' encampment took place at the Fair grounds where they were addressed by prominent men on subjects in which they were interested and also mixed a whole lot of fun into two crowded days.

Guy L. Jones, county agent, resigned and went to Wichita county and Miss Edith Lacy's services were required in faraway New York.

The new county agent, D. P. Chaney, formerly of Foard county, and Miss Eula Goodfellow, home demonstration agent, are planning big things for the boys' and girl's clubs of 1922.

Tolbert, Texas

Tolbert, Dec. 30.—(By special correspondence.)—Mrs. Bellena Cooper, wife of W. V. Cooper died at Chillicothe and was buried at Tolbert, December 15. Rev. R. V. Tooley conducted the funeral services at the Methodist church here.

John Davis, a prominent grain dealer of Chillicothe, died very suddenly, at his home there, December 16 and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at this place. Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Davis was well known at this town having bought grain here for several years.

Rev. R. V. Tooley officiated at two weddings the past week at the parsonage. Saturday evening Buret Rea of Grandfield, Okla. and Miss Ila Pearl Davis of Farmers Valley were married.

Sunday morning Sam Rich and Miss Due Truet of Farmers Valley community were also united in marriage.

Frank Hildebrand and Miss Beulah Burk of the Wildcat community were married at the home of the bride Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Tooley officiating. Only the family and a few close friends of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony.

Jesse Owens a teacher in the schools at Thalia is visiting in Vernon.

Mrs. Allman Pitts and Mrs. W. G. McDonald have been with the Fergeson Drug Company during the Christmas rush.

Mrs. R. R. Wheatley and son Robert of Amarillo are spending the holidays with their cousin, Mrs. A. S. Ross and other relatives.

PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE

"it pays 5 ways"

Sickness, Accident, Permanent Total Disability, Old Age and Death

Dewey Wilson, Dist. Agent

Massie-Wright Building

Why We're Proud of Oklaunion

In extending NEW YEAR GREETINGS to our Friends and Customers, we take this occasion to suggest that we BELIEVE IN OKLAUNION —in its citizenship, its school and its fertile acres. That is why we're preparing to Serve You Better during 1922 than ever before.

Clay Brite

Dry Goods and Groceries

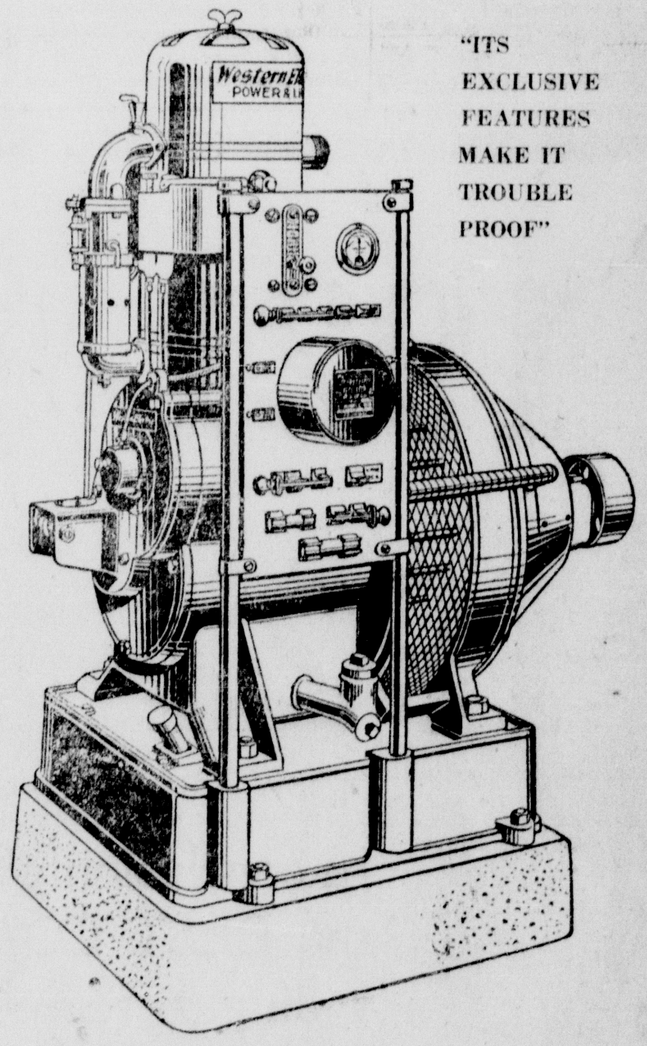
PERKINS TIMBERLAKE Extends Greetings for the New Year to Friends and Customers. May your enjoyment of Health, Peace and Prosperity be as unending as the days.

As a New Year Resolution, we suggest that the Prosperity of ALL would be multiplied if Wilbarger County would determine to double its production of Poultry, Hogs, and Dairy Products during 1922.

Perkins-Timberlake Co.

ASSOCIATED STORES

WESTERN ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHT PLANT



"ITS EXCLUSIVE FEATURES MAKE IT TROUBLE PROOF"

The DIRECT CONNECTED type of Western Electric Power and Light plant is practically AUTOMATIC in its operation. A child can operate it. This guarantees you DEPENDABLE ELECTRIC SERVICE night and day for your farm. It will increase your working hours—by making it possible to do twice as much work in a given time as formerly—and it relieves farm and house work of practically all drudgery. See this plant in operation.

We take this occasion, too, to extend New Year Greetings, and wish you Happiness, Health and Prosperity for 1922.

Vernon Electric Company

OLEN TURNER, Manager

SPONSORS COTTON CROP FOR COUNTY

H. F. McKIBBIN STAKES FARMERS TO ENOUGH SEED FOR CROP

H. F. McKibbin arrived to make his home in Vernon February, 1893. He came from the sunny portion of Texas near Houston, and deemed this country very windy and bleak.

His first store was in the brick building now occupied by the Hawkins-Williams furniture company. Here he remained until his removal to the corner occupied by Russell's. He sold his stock of dry goods to this firm in the spring of 1918, and as has been at his present location, which he owns, since that time. His business is situated just south of the Waggoner National Bank on Main street.

At present Mr. McKibbin is selling out his stock of gentlemen's furnishings and intends going into the shoe business exclusively.

Faced Adversity.

Mr. McKibbin, having reached this county after the big wheat boom of 1891 and seeing the failure of the crop for 1892, decided something would have to be done or the country would go back to the jack rabbit and coyote.

He called in his next door neighbor, J. G. Matthews, who at that time was in the implement business next door, and they decided to buy a car load of cotton seed if the town would buy two more. A mass meeting was held next day at the Vernon Hotel and this was agreed upon by the others.

Hawkins Obtains Shipment.

L. G. Hawkins, vice-president of the Waggoner National bank was then station agent here, and he got permission from the Denver officials to "dead head" this seed into the county. Mr. Matthews took charke of the disposal of the seed, and when he couldn't sell it would give it away. Some flatly refused to take it on any terms saying they came out here to get away from cotton.

A "one horse" gin that broke down every few days with the nearest gin then at Henrietta compelled these diversifiers to buy up cotton in the seed. At one time Mr. McKibbin had all his money tied up in 75 bales of loose cotton which he stored anywhere he could.

Felt Bit Uneasy.

With a gin liable to go out of commission at any minute and seventy-five miles to another one, he says he was a little "shaky as to the outcome." The next year the farmers didn't save their seed so some more had to be dead headed in.

Later Greer county took this matter up, and through its small farms managed to prove to its Texas neighbors that with ten cent cotton they could support their families and get out of debt. At that time there was a saying that it took four sections of Wilbarger land to support a wife and baby.

RAYMOND H. NICHOLS

R. H. Nichols was formerly a member of Nichols-Brown Publishing company, publishers of the Vernon Record, and is now editor of the Amarillo Daily Tribune. Mr. Nichols is visiting here this week.

CALLED BIG FOUR AGENCY

E. M. Rogers, W. A. Larrimore and Wm. Blackwood Conduct Busy Agency

The Big Four Agency, composed of E. M. Rogers, W. A. Larimore and Wm. Blackwood, with offices over the Dixon Dry Goods Company, is very busy for this time of year. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Blackwood are members of the city commision Mr. Rogers is also ex-county clerk of Wilbarger.

Mr. Larimore is a former sheriff of the neighboring county, Baylor. Members of the firm have been here for several years and are well acquainted with people and acreage of the county.

The Big Four makes loans on farms and brick business houses. It represents six different firms for insurance against death, fire, tornado and theft.

YOU'LL LIKE THIS KIND OF CANDY

ESTABLISHMENT IN VERNON MAKES ESPECIALLY LUSCIOUS SORT

"Candyland" is everything the name implies especially in the Holiday season and the owner and manager, G. D. Sauris invites one out to the kitchen where the huge copper kettles of bubbling candy smells like Christmas.

Under the deft touch of the candy-maker, the concoction turns into bonbons or with another touch, the mass comes out striped peppermint candy. The customer, watching the facinating scene, forgets the dozens of things yet to do.

Makes Candy 16 Years.

Mr. Sauris came to Vernon from Dallas three years ago and established this home of good things. He has been a candy maker for sixteen years. In the summer twenty-five gallons of ice cream and special orders of brick ice cream, each day find a ready market. This cream is made in the immaculate kitchen along with the preserved fruits, fruit juices and syrups used in the soft drinks. Salted peanuts also are made in this kitchen and find a ready market among the children of the town.

Mr. Sauris sells candies both retail and wholesale. Some find their way to the small country stores by trucks and wagons. Other good candies known as box goods are sent to larger markets.

Plans Extension.

A delicious concoction made of divinity cream, caramel cream with an outer coating of whole pecan meats is called by the old fashioned name of Log Cabin, and along with the Liberty Cream is the special product of Mr. Sauris. When spring comes alterations and decorations will be made in the building and greater things are planned by the owner.

C. M. Caraway returned today from Dallas.

We have just received new samples Come select your suit now. Ladd & Adams. Phone 417. 100-2tp

Miss Cleo Bowers left Wednesday for Clarendon where she has taken a position in the office of Judge E. A. Simpson. Miss Bowers will also study expression at Clarendon College while away.

STILL PUMPING EIGHTY BARRELS EVERY DAY

The Sigler discovery well in the field twelve miles south of Vernon. This well blew over the derrick in the spring of 1920. It started a boom that brought thousands of visitors to the city. Prospecting still continues in the Sigler field.

OLD FIRM WITH NEW NAME

Davis, Webb and Summerour Re-Organize Business Dating Back From 1893

Davis, Webb and Summerour, though recently organized, form an old firm dating from 1893 when the name was Hiatt & McHugh. Mr. Davis has lived in this county for sixteen years and has been in the real estate business all this time.

Luther Webb has been a resident of the town for nine years and the other member of the firm, T. J. Summerour, has lived practically all his life in the county. They represent twenty-three companies for fire, tornado, theft, live stock, and automobiles.

Some of the strong companies they represent have been in business for over two hundred years.

MATTRESS FACTORY MAKES "LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP."

Prices Mattress Factory another industrial plant of the city is situated at 426 North Deaf Smith street. T. H. Price, the owner, came here in 1918 and has engaged in this business since that time. Charles Lawson is a helper at the factory.

Cotton used in the mattresses and pillows is grown in Wilbarger county. The owner has a trade mark for the famous Price mattresses which sounds very restful to tired minds and bodies. It is "Lay Me Down To Sleep."

PARKER STARTS GROCERY IN 1886

ESTABLISHMENT HAS OCCUPIED PRESENT SITE FOR 18 YEARS

The Parker-Donges Grocery Company was established in this city by the late B. J. Parker in 1886 and the style of the firm then was Parker, Gill & Colbert. Mr. Gill sold out his share of the concern and Mr. Colbert died. Mrs. Colbert's share was purchased by Mr. Parker.

The first location was two blocks west of the present location, but later Mr. Parker moved to the building occupied by the City Bakery where he remained twelve years until 1903 when he purchased the lots where the store now stands.

Firm Reorganized.

In 1910 J. C. Smith bought in the firm and sold out to the Parkers in 1919 when the present firm was reorganized. Members of the firm now are Mrs. Birdie H. Parker, B. J. Parker, and Adam Donges. Connected with this store is the meat department with Joe Minarik and Earl Foster in charge. Mrs. Porter Stinnett is bookkeeper.

R. C. Lawson, R. E. Cabe, Porter Stinnett, R. E. Cabe, Joe Parker, Adam Donges, Ernest Cabe and W. W. Badger are in the grocery department. The concern also buys cream for a firm in Amarillo.

Last year this store sold over $110,000 worth of groceries.

SERVICE COMPANY EXPANDS.

Light And Ice Plant In Vernon Has Steadily Increased Capacity Of Plant.

The Texas Public Service Company opened business here in April, 1913. At that time it installed one twelve and one-half ton ice machine; one 100 K. W. generator and two boilers. The pay roll was $315 per month and six people were employed.

At this time the company has two machines with a twenty-five ton capacity per day. It has two 150 K. W. generators. On heavy pulls both generators are used, and one is always on the job in case of a break in the machinery. Four boilers of 625 horse power have been installed and J. N. Johnson, manager, says they are well equipped for any emergency.

This company also pumps all the water used and hauled away from this place by the Denver railroad. The present pay roll is $1,250 per month. Most of this amount is spent in Vernon. Eleven hundred consumers avail themselves of the opportunity to use electricity in some form.

J. N. Johnson, a former bookkeeper for the firm and a resident of Vernon for several years, is the present manager. W. R. Lane another long time resident of Vernon, is the cashier.

COMPANY HERE NINE YEARS

Gulf Concern Has Tank Capacity of 108,000 Gallons—Annex and Warehouse

The Gulf Refining company, with J. W. Coffee as manager established a station here nine years ago. The tank capacity of local buildings is 108,000 gallons. The warehouse holds 220 barrels of lubricating oil. The annex to this building holds a supply of 300 cans of cage goods.

Main shipments are Supreme oils, lustre light kerosene, and Good Gulf gasoline from the company refineries at Port Arthur.

Mr. Coffee, the manager, came to Wilbarger in 1885 from Illinois. He and his family settled down near Fargo but for the last decade have made Vernon their home.

Mrs. C. T. Smith is doing well after an operation Wednesday morning at the Baptist sanitarium in Dallas. Mrs. Smith was accompanied to Dallas by Mrs. S. W. Bailey.

OUR NEW YEAR Greeting to Friends and Customers includes an invitation to let us SERVE you more fully during 1922 than you have ever done. We have a complete stock of Hardware and Automobile accessories; also a limited quantity of the BEST Mebane Cotton Seed at $2.50, as long as it lasts.

Byars Hardware Company

Oklaunion, Texas

1921- Has been a successful year for us due to the loyal friendship and support of our people, and we beg each of you will accept our sincere thanks and this acknowledgment of our gratitude.

1922- Is before us all. To you we trust it will bring that great measure of success which we know that you deserve. This is our sincere and lasting wish.

In conclusion we ask that you bear in mind at all times that we sell only the BEST COAL, GRAIN AND FEED on the market and are always willing to serve you in the best way possible and that our CUSTOMERS MUST BE SATISFIED.

W. N. MARTIN

Successor to Ferguson & Martin

COAL, GRAIN AND FEED

Phone 603 **Corner Fannin and Texas Streets**

Classified ads are cash to everyone from now on. Do not ask us to charge them. We cannot afford to keep book on them.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen

LOST—One nine inch automobile lamp rim, between White City and Vernon, Friday afternoon. Finder please return to Record Office. 100-3p

LOST—Gold cuff button with diamond setting. Return to Record office and receive $5.00 reward. 100-3c

LOST—Monday afternoon on West Wilbarger St., a new crank for Chalmers car. Please return to R. L. Castlebury. 1tc

STRAYED—4 horses and 3 mules from southwest of town, Monday, Dec. 27th. Notify CLIFF JARVIS, R. 1303, or call First Guaranty State Bank of Vernon. 100-3p

LOST—Between Kramer Studio and Mrs. A. L. Sneed's residence Saturday night, 1 black folding purse containing $5.00 bill and small change. Kindly return to Mrs. A. L. SNEED at Russel's. 1p

LOST—One crank for Paige car. Return to A. M. WORKS and get reward. 99-3tc

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—One L. C. Smith No. 5 typewriter in good condition. Phone 190. 98-3p

FOR SALE—I have several hundred bushels of good corn for sale—MRS. K. WAGGONER. 95-8tc

FOR SALE OR TRADE—one good double barrel shotgun.—Apply to L. G. GOULD. 1p

COW FOR SALE—Giving 4 gallons of milk a day. She is a Red Poll Durham, 5 years old, gentle and easy milked. She is absolutely without a fault. See her in my lot.—J. R. JONES. 1c

PURE East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup, 10-lb. buckets, one bucket, $1.50; six buckets $8.25. All prepaid. Guaranteed to be new East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup, bright and clear. Cash with order.—THE DEAN BROS. CO., Troup, Texas. 97-4p

WANTED

WANTED—Bookkeeping or clerical work, by young married man. P. O. BOX 1089, Vernon. 98-3p

WANTED TO RENT—Three furnished rooms with all modern conveniences.—Call Record Office. Ask for Hatcher. tf

WANTED—Second hand oil cook stove.—Phone 740, 221 Fannin St. 1tc

WANTED TO BUY—Hay, alfalfa preferred; hogs or pigs.—J. R. Jones, Vernon. 1tc

WANTED—Roomers and Boarders, $7.50 per week.—MRS. ANNA SMITH, 226 S. Fannin St. 100-3p

WANTED—A mid-dle-aged woman for general housework. Apply 323 S. Cumberland St. Telephone 528. 100-3p

WANTED—Position as bookkeeper by experienced party by Jan. 1.—J. L. WINSLETT, Vernon. 98-3tp

Record classified ads brings results.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—A nice bedroom. Will give meals. Phone 122. 98-3tc

FOR RENT—A good five-room house, close in, all modern conveniences.—MISS ADDIE THOMASON. 99-3p

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished rooms for light housekeeping, all modern conveniences.—Mrs. Robert Boyle, 610 West Texas St. Phone 322. 100-3c

FOR RENT—Sleeping rooms and light housekeeping rooms. Phone 434. 1tp

FOR RENT—Upstairs bedroom close in, furnace heat, and all modern conveniences. Phone 48—128 S. Deaf Smith St. 1tc

FOR RENT—Beautifully furnished southeast bed room. All conveniences.—MRS. EUGENE KELTZ. Phone 659-251. 1p

FOR RENT—One good five-room house with convenient outbuildings. Three acres in cultivation and twenty in pasture. Also one three-room house with sheds; three acres in cultivation and seven in pasture. Both are near good graded schools.—R. B. JUDD, R-1, Vernon; phone 9029, R-15 99-3p

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished rooms.—1031 W. Texas Street. 99-3p

FOR RENT—Rooms nicely furnished for light housekeeping, to couple without children. Phone 706. 93-tf

SPECIAL NOTICE.

FOR FARM LOANS See Fentress and Walker, Waggoner National Bank Building. 97-5pc

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE—At my place three miles east of town, work stock, farming implements, some good milch cows, corn and maize.—B. H. McDONOLD. 94-8p

Record classified ads brings results.

CITATION ON APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY GUARDIAN

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wilbarger County, Greeting:

You Are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Wilbarger County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all Persons Interested in the Welfare of Uel Thomasson and William Thomasson, Minors:

W. H. Thomasson was by the County Court of Wilbarger County, Texas, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1921, duly appointed Temporary Guardian of the estate of said Minors, which appointment will be made permanent unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in January, A. D. 1922, the same being the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1922, at the Court House thereof, in Vernon, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minors may appear and contest such appointment if they so desire.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Vernon, this the 16th day of December, A. D. 1921.

VERNA LUCKY, Clerk,
County Court, Wilbarger County, Texas.
Fri-99-2t

In Re: Guardianship of the Estate of Ike Smith, Jr., a Minor.

In the County Court of Wilbarger County, Texas.

Notice is hereby given that I, Ed T. Smith, Guardian of the Estate of Ike Smith, Jr., a minor, have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for an order of the County Judge of Wilbarger County, Texas, authorizing me as the guardian of the estate of said ward to make a mineral lease upon such terms as the Court may order and direct, of the following described real estate belonging to the estate of said ward, to-wit:

All of the undivided interest of Ike Smith, Jr., in the East half of Section Smith, Jr., in all of the East half of Section the H. & T. C. Ry. Co.'s surveys in Wilbarger County, Texas, containing 320 acres of land, more or less.

Said application will be heard by the County Judge, at the Courthouse in the City of Vernon, Texas, on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1922.

ED T. SMITH,
Guardian of the Estate of Ike Smith, Jr., a Minor.

CITATION ON APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wilbarger County, Greeting:

You Are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Wilbarger County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of John Miller, Deceased.

Mrs Minta Miller has filed in the County Court of Wilbarger County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of John Miller, Deceased, and for Letters Testamentary, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the 1st Monday in January, A. D. 1922, the same being the 2nd day of January A. D. 1922, at the Court House thereof, in Vernon, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Vernon, this 19th day of December, A. D. 1921.

VERNA LUCKY, Clerk,
By Autrey Westmoreland, Deputy.
County Court, Wilbarger County, Texas.

—BEST WISHES
—FOR THE NEW YEAR

We extend to our Friends and Customers Greetings for the New Year. Our New Year RESOLUTION is to SERVE YOU better during 1922 than ever before.

FREEMAN'S BARBER SHOP

R. L. Freeman, Proprietor.

COME TO OUR STORE FOR YOUR GROCERIES

Your Cooking problems during 1922 will be most easily solved by coming right to our store and picking out your needs from our well-stocked shelves. Our stock is complete and you will have no difficulty in finding what you want for the most delicious meal.

If it is inconvenient to call in person, please remember that we are as "Close as your Telephone."

Puckett Brothers
GROCERS

Phones 255—256

We Believe in Vernon and Wilbarger County

¶ Our faith in Vernon and Wilabrger County grows with the years. We have unbounded Confidence in the future prosperity of the town and county. We are certain that the GROWTH of this Town and County is dependent only upon the Determination and Spirit of Co-Operation of its citizens.

¶ The foundation of all PROSPERITY is GOOD ROADS, GOOD SCHOOLS, GOOD CHURCHES. Our people must grow more and better Cows, Hogs and Chickens, and we must all be MORE CONSERVATIVE in our investment in luxuries.

¶ We thank our Friends and Customers for business given us this year, and wish every one the utmost of Health and Prosperity during 1922.

YOU CAN GET WHAT YOU WANT AT OUR STORE
Swarfwood & Co.
HARDWARE & HARNESS
THE WINCHESTER STORE VERNON, TEXAS

WE WOULD FEEL UNGRATEFUL if we did not take this occasion to wish our Friends and Customers a Happy and Prosperous New Year. During the past month we sold more CANDY than ever before. Your patronage made this record possible.

CANDYLAND will be BETTER EQUIPPED to serve you next year than ever.

Candyland
"The Home of Sweets"

Resolve to Grow More Chickens During 1922

In extending New Year Greetings to our friends, we urge that you RESOLVE to GROW MORE CHICKENS and POULTRY during 1922. We will be glad to buy many times as much poultry as we have bought during 1921, and at prices that will net you a handsome profit.

Remember the Poultry Show in Vernon, January 13 and 14.

White Produce Company
North Main Street

OPEN UNDER NEW MANAGENENT

You will find a surprisingly clean and well arranged stock of groceries from which to select your supplies at Cook Bros. old stand. We are in position, too, to offer some prices which will be amazingly gratifying --- they will mean the saving of dollars to you on groceries.

For the New Year we extend a cordial invitation to you to ome in and look over our stock and get prices.

Cook Grocery Company
C. COOK, Proprietor

New Year Greetings

Let us TAKE YOUR RISKS during 1922. This will relieve you of worry, guarantee you from loss, and thereby leave you free to pursue PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES. With this suggestion, we extend Sincerest thanks for business given us during 1921, and wish you a glad and prosperous New Year.

White & Nowlin

HILL CREST ENTERTAINS WITH MUSIC NEW YEARS

The Hill Crest members will be entertained Sunday afternoon with a musical number. The following program will be carried out at the club home: Piano solo, "Impromptu," Rheinhold, Mrs. Harry Colley; Reading, "The Love of Music," Vandyke, Miss Annah Joe Pendleton; Violin solo "Souvenir" Drdla, Mrs. John Brown; vocal solo, "Solveig Song," Greig Mrs. E. C. Christian; piano solo, "Witches Dance" Taganini, Miss Vera Harrington; musical reading, "The Old Year and New", Edgar E. Guest, Mrs. C. J. Farrell; chorus, "Dawn," Thaikowsky, violin solo, "Last Movement Rode Concerto," Rode, Miss Catherine Pierce.

Returns From Pasteur Institute.

T. J. Stephens returned, Tuesday from Austin, where he went for treatment, having been bitten by a mad wolf. Mr. Stephens did not have to take the treatment because of the fact that the skin was not broken.

He reports the other patients from here: Guy Puckett, Roy Davis and Willie Freudiger who were bitten the same night he was, as doing fine though very anxious to come home.

Willie Frendiger is taking double treatment because he was biten on the face.

The treatment will be over January 7, 8, and 9, and they will be allowed to return.

Holding Series Of Meetings.

Rev. A. Lichenstein, president of the Jewish Christian Association is speaking at the Baptist Church every night this week. He is an interesting speaker, and gives the Jewish viewpoint of Christianity. He will close his meetings Sunday morning when he will speak on the "Passover," and will be dressed just as the Savior was dressed upon the occasion when HE observed "The Passover" and instituted the "Lord's Supper." Don't fail to hear him.

Pageant At Church To Be Repeated.

The pageant "Birth of Christ" written by the pastor and staged by the congregation of the Central Christian church Sunday night proved to be such a success that by request it will be repeated Sunday night, January 1, at 7 o'clock.

The house was packed, no standing room and crowd turned away. The collection taken up for the old minister's fund amounted to between forty and fifty dollars.

Have You a Lot.

If you have a lot, either business or residence lot close in that you want to sell cheap, and on good terms, see or write me.

J. R. JONES, Real estate Agt.
Vernon, Texas
1t

Record classified ads bring results.

SALESMEN ARE HUSTLERS

Vernon Office of California Life Has Charge of Ten Counties.

The California Life Insurance company with E. M. Haney as manager and O. O. McCurdy as assistant manager have offices on South Main street Their district, with Vernon as the head office, embraces ten counties, and in spite of the financial depression sold one half million dollars worth of life insurance in the current year.

The sales force in the district is composed of thirty-two men, noted for their hustling qualities. This office has $2,800,000 in insurance in force on which the total annual premiums paid is the neat sum of $114,000. All of this money is invested or loaned in this district. In other words no money is taken out of the state permanently.

American Legion Will Stage Bout.

The American Legion will stage and eight round boxing contest on Wednesday night, January 4, at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Legion. Dalbert Webb of Vernon and "Stiffy Turner of Amarillo will contest for honors.

Turner has fought "Clever" Joe Denton, "Shifty" Keith and Jimmy Hatcher while Webb has met Turner in two bouts, losing the first and the second was decided a draw.

These boys put on the fight that makes boxing one of the greatest of sports. The proceeds derived from this contest will be used for furnishings for the new club rooms of the Legion.

Estray Notice.

If you have seen a stray black calf and black sow pig please notify Oscar Holman. 1tc

Miss Frances Clark, who has been attending C. I. A. at Denton passed through Vernon, Saturday en route to her home in Crowell, where she will spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hines Clark.

Order that new suit from Ladd & Adams. Phone 417. 100-2tp

Clint Rogers returned Thursday after visiting relatives at his home in Hico.

Light hogs for sale. Will deliver them, dressed, anywhere in Vernon. Rudolph Streit, phone 9002-R 3. 1t

Mrs. W. C. Heath of Wichita Falls is here on a visit with her father, A. Allison, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rayzor and children are in Eddy visiting relatives and friends.

Get your cleaning and pressing done at Ladd & Adams, tailors. Phone 417. 100-2tp

Mrs. Perry Griffith returned Friday from Mineral Wells where she has been for some time for her health.

Eric G. Schroeder returned Thursday after spending part of the holidays with relatives in St. Joseph, Mo.

O. T. Warlick of Los Vegas, former district attorney here was in the city on business a few days last week.

Mrs. Esther Kay and son, Happy, and mother, Mrs. M. L. Cole, are spending the holidays in Frederick, Okla. with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Waldo, of Walters, Okla., spent Sunday and Monday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baird in West Vernon.

Mrs. Fred Hanna of Altus, Okla, returned to her home today after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Sumner.

Dr. Winston Pendleton and family of Kingfisher, Okla. arrived Tuesday night to spend the remainder of the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pendleton.

C. S. Smith came in from Lubock, Saturday morning where he has been a few days on business.

S. L. Coggins, principal of the Fargo schools has gone to Weinert for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hooper spent Christmas with Mrs. Hooper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deaverpoint at Pilot Point.

Mrs. Fred Newth and children, and sister, Miss Clara Riddle, left Tuesday for Paducah, to visit with their father, J. B. Riddle.

W. D. Pounrey District Deputy Grand Patriarch went to Childress Wednesday afternoon for the annual inspection of the Canton there.

Miss Grace Shamburger of Wichita Falls is the guest of Mrs. Dan Sumner. Miss Shamburger is a student at National Park Seminary at Washington, D. C.

T. B. Klepper, one of the owners of the Foard County News, passed through Vernon Thursday on his way to Crowell from Dallas.

Miss Lucy Healacher, teacher at Paradise is in Electra visiting relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pitts enjoyed a visit this week with their son, Carl of Wichita Falls.

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Garvin visited their daughter, Mrs. R. T. Pace and family, near Iowa Park during the holidays.

Rev. Nathan Powell, head of the Powell Training School in Dallas, is in Vernon in connection with the activities of his institution.

Lee Coleman of Duncan, Okla. spent Thursday with relatives here. Mr. Coleman is in the tailoring business in Duncan.

Mrs. Bettie Thomson of Crowell after a few days' stay with her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Norwood here, has gone to Wichita Falls to visit another daughter, Mrs. D. P. Beaty.

New Year Greetings

To those loyal friends whom it has been our privilege to serve during 1921—as well as to those we hope to serve—we extend SINCEREST THANKS and BEST WISHES for Success, Health and Prosperity during 1922.

CONNECT YOUR HOME WITH A RELIABLE DRUG STORE
The Vernon Drug Store
PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST
PHONE 44
#126 NORTH MAIN STREET
The Rexall Store

READ THE CLASSIFIED WANT ADS.

WE THANK all our friends for their patronage the past year, and hope to have the pleasure of serving you during the New Year.

With best wishes for your Health and Happiness, we are at your service.

Kramer Studio

L. P. Kramer
Lillie Mae Campbell
Thelmae Batchelor
Pyrle Bradshaw
Bobbie Davis
R. F. Evans.

Have that Family Group made while all the folks are at home Now.

Phone 693 for appointment.

IT has been a Pleasure to Serve you during the Past Year, and we look forward to be of increasing usefulness to you during Nineteen Twenty-Two. We extend to you our Heartiest Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Dixon Dry Goods Co.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

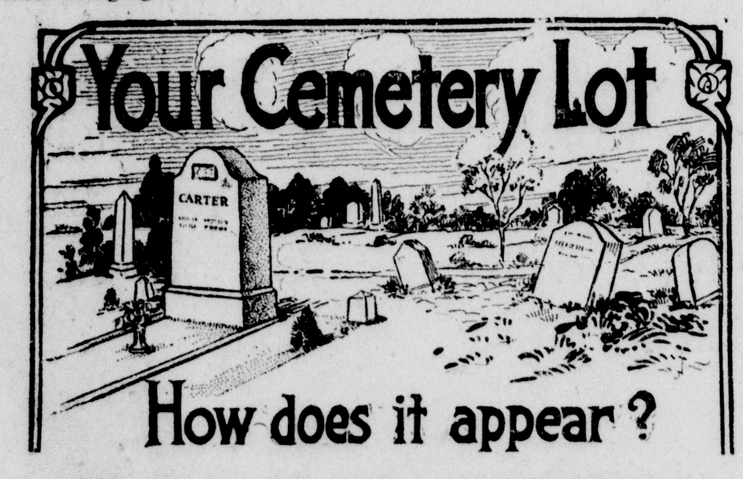
We extend to our Friends and Patrons Sincere THANKS for courtesies extended during 1921, and for the NEW YEAR wish you Prosperity, Peace and a multitude of Friends.

VERNON HOTEL

"Betta" Service and "Lotta" Sunshine, Proprietresses.

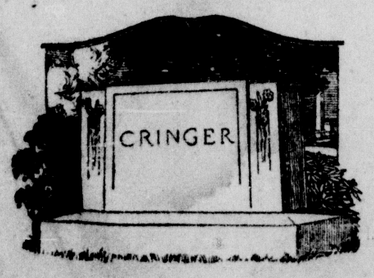
WITH GREETINGS FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We come offering you a proposition that you cannot afford to turn down. Money is scarce and times are "close," but the time never comes when we do not cherish the memory of our loved ones who have passed ahead of us. Let us perpetuate that tender care and memory with a mark of beautiful and lasting MARBLE or GRANITE at this most appropriate season of the year, and be ready for a few touches of loving flowers as SPRING comes bringing to us fresh the beautiful thoughts of the resurrection.



LET US FIX UP YOUR CEMETERY LOT WITH NICE COPING AROUND IT

For the next two weeks we will make you astonishingly low prices on all work we have in stock, and we have lots of it. We need the money right now, and right now is a good time for you to do what you want in this line. Do not let this opportunity pass, because you will regret it if you do.



THE VERNON MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS

G. W. BACKUS, Proprietor.

Phone 114

GET READY NOW

FOR OUR BIG SALE OF REGISTERED POLAND CHINAS

WE WILL OFFER FOR SALE

Friday, Feb. 10, 1922

8 Head of Tried Sows, bred to Transmission for March Litter. (Transmission is the Famous 1,000-pound Boar without a wrinkle.)

12 Head of Gilts out of Transmission, bred to our YOUNG BOARS—Laddie Boy, sired by The Ranger; and Orange Buster, sired by Cedar Hill Buster.

I have selected these TWO BOARS to cross on TRANSMISSION Gilts. They are from Boars that have WON THE PURPLE at the leading Fairs. Cedar Hill Buster was Grand Champion at the Texas State Fair, and The Ranger sired GRAND CHAMPION Boar at the Oklahoma State Fair. I believe that the Cross of these two Boars on TRANSMISSION Gilts will give you a Litter that the Breeders are wanting—hogs of Quality and Size. Everything offered is immune from Cholera.

While we are AFTER the BOLL WEEVIL it would be a wise idea for every farmer to grow a few good HOGS. These Sows will be sold on time.

Sales Day we will Show you a Boar 10 months old that weighs 450 pounds.

BE AT THE SALE by **11:30** and get ready to enjoy a Country Ham Sandwich and Coffee, which will be served at **12** o'clock SHARP. Sale will start at 1 P. M. in our Big Barn, so the weather will not bother.

BOURLAND & SHARP

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ICE PLANT CAN BE BUILT SAYS MAYOR IF BONDS CARRY

Mason Cites Progress of Public Owned Utilities in Other Cities —Believes Vernon Could Have Same Success--Bowie, Denton, Shamrock, Ballinger Satisfied With Control of Plants.

Mayor Harry Mason, who is very much in favor of the proposed bond issue for light and water, on which the citizenship of Vernon will vote January 3rd, submits his opinion as follows:

"If the light bonds carry, the city commission will build an ice plant in conjunction with the light plant, as this proposition of an ice and light plant has been so fully discussed and understood by all the people. A vote for the bond issue will be construed and accepted as an endorsement of an ice plant as well as a light plant, and the commission will so construe the vote of the people, and a rejection of the bond issue will be construed a rejection of both an ice and light plant.

Where Will We Get the Money for An Ice Plant.

"The ice plant will be built by an issue of City Warrants under the law. Not one dollar of the bond money will be used for the ice plant. We have a bid to build ice and light plant for $100,000, divided as follows: $70,000 for lights and $30,000 for ice. Therefore it would only be necessary to issue $70,000 of the bond to erect light plant, thereby releasing $30,000. The city commission could then issue $30,000 in city warrants against the city's present rate and valuation and build ice plant. And mark you, this can be done without a raise in rate or valuation.

"The city built a high school auditorium costing $15,000 in this same way by issuing city warrants. The city purchased $15,000 of fire fighting trucks in the same way. The city paid over $5,000 of paving on West Wilbarger street in the same way. Every city administration has carried on public improvements in the same way. The county bridge at end of North Main street was built by the county this way. And the city can build an ice plant the same way, and it will be in compliance with the strict letter of the law.

"The following rates and charges submitted of light plants, to show what other towns are charged for current:

Terrell, Texas.—"Beg to advise that the city has an electric plant, and it is on a paying basis, altho our rates are cheaper than our competitor, Texas Light & Power Co. Our rate is 6 cents per kilowatt hour for power, exclusive. For commercial and resident current our charges are as follows: First, K. W., 12c per K. W.; second 10 K. W., 7c per K. W.; third 10 K. W.; and 2c per K. W. for all above 30 K. W. We have four customers to one for the Texas Light & Power and could have more if we were in position to care for it. I trust you will be successful with your bond issue, for it is the only way to get relief from the big corporations.

Greenville, Texas.—"Beg to say that the city of Greenville owns its light and power plant. We have the following free service, which is a thorn in the side of some plants: 1,000 free lights; 295 white-way globes, and all schools and fire departments have free service. Whatever you do vote for the municipal light plant, and do not let anyone tell you that it will not make money. Our rates are as follows; lights, minimum charge, 50c. First 100 K. W. 10c next 200 K. W.; 9 1-2c per K. W.; next 500 K. W., 8 1-2c per K. W. Power, minimum charge, 75c. First H. P., 50c each; first 500 K. W., 4c per K. W.; next 500 K. W., 3 1-2c per K. W.; excess 1,000 K. W., 3c per K. W.; cooking 3c per K. W., no minimum.

Lubbock, Texas.—"Our municipal light plant is a sucess in every way. We are furnishing light at a much less cost than the "Utility" company did, and we are getting a great deal of satisfaction.

City of Lubbock, Light rate—First 25 K. W. H. at 10c per K. W. H.; next 75 K. W. H. at 8c per K. W. H.; excess 100 K. W. H. at 5c per K. W. H.; minimum 75c per month. Power rate—First 200 K. W. H. 7c per K. W. H., next 400 K. W. H. at 6c per K. W. H., excess 600 K. W. H. at 3c per K. W. H., minimum 75c per H. P.

Cooking rate—First 200 K. W. H. at 4c per K. W. H.; excess 200 K. W. H. at 3c per K. W. H.

"Brady, Texas, (water and lights)—October, 1920, total revenue, $3785.08. Total expense $1295.00. Net profit $2490.08. November, 1920, total revenue, $4184.35. Total expenses, $854.00. Net profit, $3330.35. January, 1921, total revenue, $4132.92. Total expense, $1051.00. Net profit, $2981.92.

Ballinger Light, Power & Ice Co.—Receipts for the year, 1920: Light $19,725.94, power $6,798.58; total $26,424.52.

What a Municipal Light Plant Will Do in Ballinger.

Receipts from light plant $16,000.00, receipts from water plant $10,000.00, received from 25c (old) tax rate on $2,000,000 valuation, old value $5,000.00; total $31,000.00.

Operating expenses per annum $16,000.00; interest and sinking fund, on all bonds both old and new, $11,100.00; receipts above expenses $3,900.00; total $31,000.00.

Privately Owned.

Houston, Texas—Lighting rates, primary, per K. W. H., 9 cents; secondary, per K. W. H., 5 cents; minimum bill per month, 50 cents; all bills in excess of minimum, subject to a 10 per cent discount for payment within 10 days after presentation.

Power rates—retail rate for power, alternating current—First 10 K. W. H. each month per H. P. installed at 5 cents per K. W. H. Next 60 K. W. H. each month per H. P. installed at 2 1-2 cents per K. W. H. All over 67 K. W. H. each month per H. P. installed at 1 3-4 cents per K. W. H. Less 10 per cent for payment within discount period. Minimum bill 25 cents per H. P. or fraction thereof installed. On fans only, add demand charge of 25 cents per H. P. or fraction thereof installed.

"The following towns own their plant—Ballinger, Bowie, Denton, Hallettsville, San Augustine, Whitesboro, Shamrock. These towns have owned and operated their plant for years, and some for 15 years. These facts are respectfully submitted for a careful consideration of the voter.

"HARRY MASON."

House And Contents Destroyed By Fire

Buck Clark living three miles south of Rayland had the misfortune to lose his house, furniture and clothing Tuesday night. It is thought that the fire was caused by a defective flue. No insurance was carried. A committee of Mr. Clark's neighbors were in Vernon, Wednesday to make up a subscription for him, among the merchants of the town.

Mrs. Muller's Barn Destroyed By Fire.

A large barn on Mrs. O. H. Muller's farm six miles north-east of Vernon was burned Wednesday night.

The barn contained bundled feed, hay and implements. A thresher, truck and three grain drills were destroyed. On account of the intense heat only a few binders were saved. Origin of fire is not known.

PYRAMID PREPARES FOR DRILLING IN

BIT PROBABLY WILL BE SENT ON WAY THROUGH ROCK TOMORROW

Rigging up is the program for Pyramid number 2 drillers today, and as soon as that operation is completed, the bit will be sent on its way through the rock upon which the casing has been set. George A. Long, in active supervision of the work for the Pyramid Royalty Co., said this morning that unles untoward circumstances developed, drilling should commence tomorrow.

No conception of the distance still to be traveled before the sand is struck is possessed by Mr. Long and his associates, of course, and not even an opinion is hazarded. Everything is in readiness in the event that oil is struck at any depth, and the utmost caution will be used throughout the progress.

Public Tabooed.

Mr. Long has forbade the presence of the public on the derrick floor on the grounds of safety alone. In order to discredit any charges of unfairness however, he has voluntarily offered to prominent merchants and the city of Vernon the privilege of placing a representative on the derrick floor who may remain at all times to watch operations.

The Pyramid Royalty Co. assumed active management of the hole this morning upon completion of the rotary contract.

S. T. REEDER KILLED WHILE BIRD HUNTING LAST WEDNESDAY

Oklaunion Man Dies From Gun-Shot—Little Son Summons Mother Who Finds Husband Lifeless on Arriving—Leaves Family of Six—Burial Today In East View Cemetery.

S. T. Reeder aged 53, prominent farmer living near Oklaunion was accidentally killed, Wednesday morning while hunting in a pasture two miles from his home. The fatal acident was caused by the discharge of a gun which fell from a vehicle from which he had just alighted to shoot at a covey of birds.

Mr. Reeder and little son, Tom, had gone that morning to try out a new gun, a recent gift of the father to the son. They took two guns with them which were not loaded at the time of their leaving home.

The little boy states that on arriving at the scene of the accident, his father left him in the hack with orders that he would shoot first at the covey and then the son was to have a try at the birds with the new gun.

At the sound of the shots from Mr. Reeders gun, the team of mules hitched to the vehicle became frightened and wheeled to run. The gun fell from the seat, was discharged and the whole load entered the left side of the father.

Little Tom seeing that nothing could be done by him went to the house for aid and Mrs. Reeder and eldest daughter, Miss Mansel, went at once to bring the injured man home. On arrival they discovered that he had expired.

Mr. Reeder has been a native of Texas for thirty years and a resident of Wilbarger county for twenty-seven years.

He was married to Miss Anna Rogers of Vernon about the time of his coming to this county and is survived by the widow and four daughters, Mansel, Florence, Annie May and Cora Lou and two sons, Tom, Jr., and Virgil, all at home. Three sisters and one brother live in Kentucky and two brothers in Kansas City.

Mr. Reeder was well known all over the county on account of his long residence and excellent standing in his community. He was one of the most prosperous wheat farmers of that locality.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Baptist church here with Rev. Reed of the Oklaunion Baptist church in charge. Mr. Reeder had been a devoted member of this church for several years. Interment was made in East View cemetery.

MARRIED AT HIGH NOON.

Miss Coleman And Don Parker Are Wed—Leave For Breckenridge On Noon Train.

The home of H. L. Coleman of West Wilbarger was the scene of a very pretty wedding Wednesday morning when his daughter, Miss Irma Coleman became the bride of Don Parker of Breckenridge, in the presence of the immediate family and a few close friends.

Promptly at high noon the couple, to the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. Earl Coleman, an aunt of the bride, entered the parlor unattended. They were met by Rev. W. P. Garvin, who performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a handsome traveling dress of blue tricotine with accessories to match and carried an arm bouquet of white carnations and ferns. They left immediately after the ceremony for Fort Worth and Eastland where they will visit with relatives, from there they will go to Breckenridge where they will make their home.

Mrs. Parker was a former student of Simmons college at Abilene and this marriage is the culmination of a school day romance. The contracting parties having met each other there a few years ago. The bride also attended school here and has lived in Vernon nearly all her life.

Mr. Parker during the war served his country in the navy. He is manager of a wholesale grocery company at Breckenridge.

Many friends are extending congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.

EX-MAYOR BELIEVES BOND ISSUE BENEFIT

CLAIMS PUBLIC OWNED PLANT SUCCESS—"CITY DAYS" ARE CAPABLE

L. P. Bonner, former mayor of Vernon, has come out in favor of the bond issue for light and water system and submits the following statement as to his views on the question:

"On account of my previous connection with the City I have been asked to express my opinion concerning the proposed bond issue to install a light plant.

"I shall vote for these bonds. I know the city can furnish light current at one-third less than is now being paid by our people. We need more street lights, and our people should have them, and they should have electric current for domestic purposes at the lowest price it can be furnished.

"I have no doubt but what the plant will give us better service at less cost. There is nothing in the proposition that we can't trust our City Commissioners to manage. We trust them to manage the schools, the water and sewer systems, the street improvements, the library, the fire department and all other affairs pertaining to the city government, and certainly we could risk them to direct the light plant which is the least complicated of all.

"I know our water and sewer systems have been a success under the management of the city. I have read Mr. Robinson's article concerning the water and sewer systems and concur in what he says.

"I am convinced the people of Vernon are satisfied with the water and sewer system, and the service given them from these plants. And when we consider that these combined plants were installed with bond issues of only $62,000.00 and of this amount $10,000.00 of these bonds are still held by the City Treasurer leaving $52,000.00 which has originally gone into the water and sewer bonds and the plant built up from this to where it is worth over $100,000 within the last eleven years makes a good showing.

"I do not want to be an agitator upon any question. I have no interests to serve in what I have said except to express my views as a private citizen. I have always considered that the people of every city should have the benefits of these necessities at the lowest possible cost to them, and it is but the duty of every citizen to give his help to this end.

"L. P. BONNER."

DOANS COUPLE ARE WED.

Miss Garner Miller And Claude Briscoe Married At Fargo Christmas Eve.

Miss Garner Miller and Claude Briscoe of the Doans community were united in marriage, Saturday afternoon at the residence of J. R. Green, justice of the peace at Fargo, who also officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Miller and has resided in the county for several years. Mr. Briscoe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Briscoe of this city but has for some time been living on a farm in the Doans neighborhood.

After the ceremony was performed, Mr. and Mrs. Briscoe returned to the home of the parents of the bride where a dinner was served. Dancing was then indulged in to a late hour.

They will make their home for the next year on a farm near Doans.

WILL LIVE IN FARWELL.

Chester Magness And Miss Amy Daniels Married By Justice Griffith At Court House.

Chester Magness and Miss Amy Daniels all of the West Hinds comthe office of the justice of the peace in the court house with Esquire T. J. Griffith officiating Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Magness is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Magness and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daniels al lof the West Hinds community. The young couple will make their home in Farwell.

Entertain With Turkey Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jouett entertained at their home in West Vernon with a turkey dinner on Christmas day. Beside the family and Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jouett, and Esquire and Mrs. T. J. Griffith helped to demolish the turkey.

STOKES VOICES LEGAL OBJECTIONS TO BOND ISSUE

Local Attorney Says City Not Permitted Under Laws of the State to Own and Operate Ice Plant—Thinks First Duty Is to School Children of Community—Cites Examples.

W. N. Stokes, local attorney, is of the opinion that Vernon cannot legally manufacture ice as a municipality. His objections to the proposed bond issue are voiced in the following:

"Those people who vote for the bond next Tuesday thinking they are voting for an ice plant to be established in Vernon are doomed to a great disappointment. The city of Vernon can not engage in the business of manufacturig ice. The laws and constitution of the State of Texas do not give to cities and towns in this State the right to engage in the manufacturing business except in the matter of electric current. Cities and towns are organized under the law primarily for governmental purposes.

"All of the functions of government can not be executed at the capitol of the State, hence it is necessary to give to cities and towns certain rights and powers to govern the people living in them. The right to manufacture electric current was deemed by the Legislature a necessity for the municipalities of the State because a great number of smaller cities had no general lighting system and private capital was not willing to invest its money in such an enterprise in a small town. The legislature, therefore, gave to municipalities the right to issue bonds for the purpose of establishing a light plant.

Bonds for Necessities.

"The same thing can be said of a water and sewerage system. These things were necessary and could not be procured in many towns from other sources, hence the Legislature gave the power to cities and towns to vote bonds and establish them as municipal enterprises. At no time has a city had any right to engage in the manufacturing business generally and it has not that right today. The city commission can not use money paid as taxes for the purpose of building an ice fartory because the laws and constitution of the State do not give them that authority. The reason why the Legislature has not done so is that cities are not organized as commercial enterprises. Their functions are purely governmental with the exceptions above mentioned of a lighting system and a water and sewerage system.

"If a city commission has the right to establish an ice factory and manufacture and deliver ice to its citizens without specific authority from the legislature under laws properly enacted, then the city commission could also manufacture lumber, and for that purpose issue bonds, build and equip a saw mill in eastern Texas for the manufacture of lumber to be sold to the citizens of the city. Likewise it could establish a brick plant and vote bonds, build and equip a brick manufacturing plant and sell brick to its citizens for the purpose of building houses. If a city can establish an ice factory, then it can go into any other line of business the city commission may deem expedient. These enterprises are not governmental in their nature hence a city can not engage in them without specific authority under the law, and the laws of Texas do not give to cities any such authority.

Must State Purpose.

"Furthermore, the money derived from the sale of these bonds could not be used to establish an ice factory even if the city could engage in that line of enterprise under the law because the law requires that the order calling for the election must state the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued and the order calling for this election says not one word about an ice plant. The proceeds of the bonds could not, therefore, be used to establish an ice plant but must be used only for the establishment of a light plant. If the order had stated the bonds were to be issued to establish an ice plant, then the bonds themselves would have been void because the city has no right to issue bonds to establish an ice plant.

"It is claimed by some that the city commission can issue warrants on the

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BOARD REPLIES TO MAYOR'S ARTICLE

SCHOOL TRUSTEES ANSWER ARTICLE IN RECORD OF DECEMBER 23

In refutation of the statements made by the Mayor in the Record of December 23, and as a protest against the refusal of the city commission to order a bond election for a new high school, the school board submits the following:

"We have read with much interest the Mayor's article which appeared in the Vernon Record, December 23. This article, according to the Mayor, was to keep the records straight. We are writing this article for the same purpose. He presents facts and figures to show that High School bonds may be issued without amending the city charter or increasing the tax rate.

Why Not Election?

"We as a school board, respectfully ask why the Commission refused to proceed by ordering an election for a bond issue for a new high school and other school purposes. We also want to know why the City Council at a meeting Tuesday, December 13, passed a resolution asking the city attorney to draw up all necessary papers and documents relative to an election for the purpose of amending our charter, and at the same time voting an additional tax for school purposes.

"Why not pay off the $40,000 in outstanding bonds with the cash on hand in the sinking fund? Why not cancel the $25,000,000 in paving bonds if it is his purpose to provide funds for the erection of a new high school? We only ask that the voters of this city make a personal investigation of our present school system and see the needed improvements, also make close inspection of all the surroundings and see what our teachers have to work with, and decide whether or not we need more and better schools.

"From information furnished by the Mayor to the Trustees, it was our understanding that the only way bonds could be issued for school purposes and the light plant, was by amending our charter and voting an additional tax, which fact is borne out by the resolution passed on the 13th of this month at a council meeting, and to which we have referred to above. Realizing that this meant delay and an increase of taxes, and further realizing the pressing needs of the schools, we respectfully asked the Commission to cancel its order for a light bond issue in order that the high school bond issue could be presented to the people immediately. This request was denied us and now the Mayor assures us that we may have both, the High School and light plant without amending our charter. If this was true, why the above resolution for increasing our tax rate? Again we respectfully ask why the Commission does not issue an order for an election for school purposes

School Board Does Part.

Again, in the way of keeping the record straight, the Mayor states that the city has paid $2,000 this year for paving assessed against the schools. Our books show that we have paid $17,999.85 from the school fund for sidewalks and miprovements of the grounds with the understanding that the paving assessment against the schools would be credited with this amount.

He has also stated on many occasions that he puts this issue before the people because they demanded it.

"Why is the school so personally interested? Because we have made a thorough investigation and in our best judgment, we feel keenly the great need of a modern and well equipped high school.

J. A. BIRDSONG,
MRS. EUGENE KELTZ,
T. L. ROUSE,
EMORY RHOADS,
T. A. KING,
I. S. SEWELL."

MORE BONDS PURCHASED LOCAL FIRM HANDLES DEAL

Bonds to the amount of $114,000 were purchased this week by H. C. Burt and Company of Houston.

The water work bonds for the city of Crowell for $100,000 and the Odell school bonds of this county for $14,000 made up the items of the purchase.

This sale was handled through the firm of Fentress and Walker, a local brokerage firm of this city.

ROBERT HOUSSELS DIES CHRISTMAS AT CALIFORNIA HOME

President of Waggoner National Bank Had Been in Failing Health for Long Time—Funeral Services Conducted In Vernon Thursday Afternoon—Throngs Attend Last Rites.

Robert Houssels, 87 years old, and one of the best known and respected of former Wilbarger county residents, died at Long Beach, Calif. Christmas Day at 4:50 p. m. after a lingering illness. The body was brought to Vernon and funeral services conducted Thursday afternoon from the First Methodist Church. Practically every business establishment in the city closed its door for two hours yesterday afternoon while the ceremony was in progress.

Robert Houssels was president of the Waggoner National Bank of Vernon and widely known throughout this section. He came to Vernon in January, 1891, ad several years later succeeded W. T. Waggoner as head of the local banking institution.

Born Across Waters.

Mr. Houssels was born February 18, 1834, near Cologne, in the province of Rhein, Prussia. He was confirmed in the Lutheran church when 14 years old. The former Vernon resident came to America in 1851 and located in Perry county, Tennessee, in 1854. He became a Master Mason in Linden Lodge 210, A. F. and A. M., in 1858.

In October, 1860, Robert Houssels married Miss Docia Young and ten children, three of whom are dead, were born of this union. His survivors are his wife and seven children: John H., Robert, Bismark, Mrs. C. A. Brown of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. E. H. Archer of Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. J. N. Fain of Greenville, and Mrs. L. G. Hawkins of Vernon.

Wife Unable to Come.

Bismark and Robert Houssels accompanied the body of their father to Vernon. Mrs. Houssels, on account of illness, was unable to make the journey. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fain of Greenville also came here for the funeral.

Magnificent floral offerings at the services yesterday attested to the love and respect in which Robert Houssels was held. Throngs of former friends and acquaintances packed the church auditorium in final foken to one of the city's pioneers. Rev. C. A. Waterfield was in charge of the services, and was assisted by two of Mr. Houssel's former pastors, Rev. J. G. Miller of Durant, Okla., and Rev. A. W. Hall of Weatherford. Burial was in East View cemetery.

Pall Bearers at Funeral.

Active pall bearers at the funeral yesterday were L. E. Piper, W. H. Huggins, S. C. Hogsett, Harry Colley, Daniel Bond, J. V. Townsend, J. S. Cook and W. K. Long. Honorary pall bearers were W. O. Anderson, T. H. Shive, J. E. Dodson, J. A. Birdsong, Lon Byars, T. J. Youngblood, W. D. Berry, S. W. Bailey, C. T. Smith, C. E. Basham, H. F. McKibbin, T. P. Lisman, J. A. Dixon, J. B. Morris, S. A. Castlebury, Alex Streit, Godfrey Streit, J. E. Lutz, C. S. Ballew, R. L. Castlebury, W. T. Waggoner.

GASSED ON VISIT TO SANTA.

Odell Farmer's Son Is Revived After Being Nearly Asphyxiated Christmas Eve.

Going to see Santa Claus' headquarters at Odell came very near proving the undoing of one little boy, Saturday. S. E. Hise living three miles northeast of Odell placed his two little sons, on the floor of the car in the rear and covered them over with a blanket as the morning was cold. On reaching Odell, one little fellow jumped out but the other failed to follow him.

On uncovering the child they discovered him almost past medical aid. At first it was thought by the men who applied restoratives that the boy was unconscious from cold but such was not the case. No mat was in the bottom of the car and the exhaust from the engine had almost asphyxiated him. The other boy had kept his head out and escaped the danger. After two hours strenuous work, the boy revived and finished his Christmas shopping not much the worse for his experience.

Vernon Theater

Friday and Saturday

"The Night Horseman"—Tom Mix

Romance of a man whose nature is so wild that he shuns God's creatures except his horse and dog, until the sorrow of those who love him tames him.

Sunshine Comedy—

"LOVE AND WAR"

Second Chapter Winners of the West

Monday and Tuesday

"The Devil Within"—Dustin Farnum

Mutt and Jeff and Fox News

Wednesday and Thursday

"HANDCUFFS OR KISSES"

—Elaine Hammerstein

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general fund of the city in payment for machinery necessary to establish an ice plant. The law requires the city commission to provide for the levy of a tax sufficient to pay the interest and at least 2 per cent of the principal of a debt and such levy must be made at the same time the debt is incurred. No city commission in Texas is permitted even to issue bonds of such city for a sum greater than $2,000 without an election first being had and a majority of the voters voting favorable thereto, hence it can be seen at once that warrants of the city could not be issued for an ice plant.

Will $100,000 Be Enough?

"It has been suggested by the advocates of these bonds that the city of Vernon can establish its light plant with $100,000 and at the same time or later vote additional bonds sufficient to build and equip an adequate high school. In the first place $100,000 will not more than be a starter for a light plant in Vernon. The town of Altus, Oklahoma, has owned and operated its light plant for a number of years. It already owns its power plant, buildings, machinery, etc., necessary to manufacture electric current and a large equipment for its distribution. The town of Altus covers a much smaller area than the town of Vernon.

"The business houses and residences of Altus are built close together while at Vernon we all know our residences are scattered and our town covers three times the area of most any other town of its size. Altus is a town of 4,000 people. Vernon has more than 6,000. At Altus they have just recently voted $115,000 additional bonds, the proceeds of which are to be used to repair and extend its light plant.

Two Plants at Lubbock.

At Lubbock, Texas, the city owns a light plant. There is also a privately owned light plant at Lubbock which supplies a large percentage of its inhabitants with current. The town of Lubbock invested something like $100,000 originally in its light plant. That town has a population of slightly more than 4,000, yet they are contemplating voting an additional $110,000 of bonds, the proceeds of which are to be used to repair and extend its municipal plant. Now if it takes $115,000 plus the original cost of its machinery, building and equipment to build and properly extend a light plant at Altus, and $210,000 to build and properly extend a light plant at Lubbock, how can the town of Vernon hope to build and equip a complete lighting system for less than half that amount? It simply can not be done. If we vote these bonds we are going to find that within a short time we will have to vote at least an additional $100,000 to complete the system. In that event our school buildings and streets are bound to be neglected.

"The school board says that we need a high school building. Their estimate is that an up-to-date high school, one that would meet the needs and demands of the children of our town, would cost $200,000. The town of Commerce, Texas, a town much smaller than Vernon, has just recently built a modern high school at a cost of $200,000 and a prominent citizen of that town recently told me that the building was not too large and did not more than meet the demands. Our school board says, however, that we could possibly build and equip our high school for $150,000. The Mayor and city secretary told me yesterday that the full limit of bonds we can issue at this time is approximately $194,000. That is based upon last year's valuation of property and every one knows that property generally has declined in value at least 25 per cent the present year which, if true, would reduce proportionately the amount of bonds we could issue.

Not Enough for Both.

"Suppose we issue $100,000 for an electric light plant. We could issue only $94,000 for a high school. This is the extreme limit placed upon our ability to issue bonds by our mayor upon last year's valuation. This amount of money is not sufficient to build the high school our children should have, but if we take their view of it and vote bonds for the light plant and the school building, our ability to issue bonds is then completely exhausted. We will have an inadequate high school, one that would be entirely unsatisfactory, and when we shall realize the fact that to complete our light plant we must have an additional $100,000, our condition will be pitiable.

"It has been suggested that we could vote for high school purposes an additional $25,000 if the city commission should cancel that amount of water and street bonds now on hand and unsold. That is unthinkable. We would then have no money to extend our paved streets and connect up with the county roads to be paved the coming year from the recent county wide bond issue, and no good citizen wants to see a naked gap between our paved streets and our county roads.

Rate Not Established.

"It is said that the man of small means will vote for the light plant because it will give him cheaper lights. The municipal plant at Altus, Oklahoma, charges 16c per kilowat for its current and the municipal plant at Memphis, Texas, charges 17 1-2c for its current. I do not believe a municipal plant at Vernon could produce current cheaper than a municipal plant in these towns. I see no reason why it could do so. The mayor of Memphis has recently said to one of our citizens that if we want to go in the light business we can buy a plant from his town at a bargain. In other words they are sick of the business at Memphis.

"But aside from this, my observation is that the man of small means is just as ambitious for his children to have a good education as the man of large means. His children are certainly entitled to the very best education the town of Vernon can give them. Few great men come from rich families. With few exceptions the great men of this country have come from the poorer classes. The man of small means in rare instances can afford to send his children to the colleges and universities of the country, hence it is of vital importance to him that our high school furnish the best possible facilities for educating his children. We can not possibly build a high school if we vote these light bonds. The figures above given for voting bonds are the highest, the most enthusiastic supporters of the bond issue will dare make and personally I do not believe we can vote anything like the amount of bonds they claim we can after the assessments are made the coming year.

May Have to Amend Charter.

It is practically certain we can not do so without amending our charter and raising the taxes. The mayor and city commission evidently do not think we can do so without amending the charter and raising the taxes because on Tuesday of last week, when the ladies of the various clubs of the city asked the city commission to take steps for the building of a modern high school, the city commission passed the following resolution to-wit: "Whereupon Rogers made a motion which was duly seconded by Napier that the city attorney be instructed to proceed to draw up the necessary notices and regulations so that the voters can amend the city charter by increasing the amount of taxes for school purposes and the building of a modern high school building for the city of Vernon to be submitted to a vote of the people at an election for an amendment. All voters voting aye.

"If we can have an electric light plant and a high school building without amending the charter and raising our taxes, then why did the city commission pass that resolution? I do not believe the people of this town will stand a raise in taxes, nor do I believe they ought to be expected to do so. Our taxes are so high now that they are a severe burden to most of us and I do not believe we can stand a higher tax rate especially under the present valuations which are also too high. This means we will have no high school. It means the children of this town shall not have the same advantages that are provided for children of other towns not even in Vernon's class.

Duty to Children First.

"Every vote cast for these light bonds is a vote against the high school children of this town and especially those children of parents who are unable to send them away to school. We have no higher duty in life than to provide the coming generation with the very best possible opportunities to procure a thorough education and if we jeopardise the opportunities of the children of our town to procure the very best education, even though by doing so we should reduce our light bills a few cents, we are putting a greater value on that few cents in money than we place upon the education of our children and ought to be ashamed of ourselves.

"The laws of Texas provide the city commission with every facility they they could wish to inform themselves of the financial condition, expenses, receipts, etc., of the Texas Public Service Company. It gives to them the right to fix and establish the rate to be charged by that company for its current. It seems to me if we can regulate and establish the rates to be charged by the present light company without investing a dollar in it, it is much better to do that than it would be to invest a $100,000 or the people's money in the same kind of a plant when all we could possibly do would be to regulate its rates.

One Issue He Opposes.

"I never voted against a bond issue in my life and if the city commission will submit to the voters a proposition to vote bonds in any amount for school purposes, I will vote for it, but I will never consent to invest the people's money in an enterprise of this kind under present conditions and do not believe any other voter ought to do so.

"W. N. STOKES."

G. T. Allman of Wichita Falls and a former station agent of the Fort Worth & Denver came Sunday for a visit with his sister, Mrs. W. C. Pitts and other relatives.

Miss Grace Massie, deputy county clerk at Roswell, N. M., and a former resident of Vernon arrived Saturday for a visit with her brother F. L. Massie and family.

Clyde Batchelor, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Batchelor is home for the Christmas vacation from Kemper Military school at Boonville, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith and family of Wichita Falls are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ross.

Miss Winnie Jewell Norwood, teacher of music at Crowell, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Norwood of West Paradise street.

Mrs. Katy Bledsoe of Wichita Falls is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. F. Howe and brothers, R. L. and S. A. Castlebury.

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We extend NEW YEAR GREETINGS to our friends and customers, and ask that you LET US HELP you BUILD.

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THE MAN WHO PROSPERS is the man we envy. We hope you'll be Prosperous and Happy during 1922. Our Faith in Wilbarger county and Wilbarger people increases with the years—that is why we Look FORWARD to 1922 as the BEST YEAR in our experience. We hope it may be for you the same.

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Remember the Poultry Show, January 13 and 14, and be sure to use that famous Chase and Sanborn Coffee.

IS SOURCE OF SUMMER REFUGE

ICE CREAM FACTORY AIDS IN RELIEVING OPPRESSION OF HOT WEATHER

The Vernon Ice Cream Factory is owned and managed by F. A. Gelhausen and the plant stands near the City Hall. Mr. Gelhausen came to Vernon in 1891, remembered by old citizens as one of the banner years of the county. He went immediately into the bakery business in which he continued until five years ago when he sold his interest and went into the ice cream factory.

Prior to this Mr. Gelhausen had made and sold ice cream in the bakery but he decided that more money could be made through wholesale deliveries. He also retails this good cream in enormous quantities.

110 Gallons Daily.

In the summer months when the mercury stands around the 110 mark, folks' minds naturally turn to something cooling and ice cream suppers and individual parties are prevalent. It is then that Mr. Gelhausen averages 110 gallons of this frozen dainty every day. Some days the gallons creep up to 200 a day. Then all the force is called in to rush the ice cream out to the perspiring multitude.

Manufactures Candy.

When the chill of winter approaches and ice cream gives way to hot drinks, he makes candy that is sold in the grocery stores here to grown ups and "kiddies." Through the summer also finds a ready sale for potato chips as well as in the winter. Salted peanuts find a ready market, too. These are sold in the store although sometimes the public drive by the door and purchase the hot potatoes and peanuts fresh from the stove.

Cream made in the factory is shipped up and down the Denver and is sent into Oklahoma.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB RECENTLY ORGANIZED

A number of young women met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Huggins November 20, to organize a Home Economics Club. After some discussion it was decided that the club should meet every third Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and that the first half hour should be spent in demonstration of the menu, the next hour in study, and the remaining half hour in a social way.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. A. Birdsong, president, Mrs. A. F. Winston, vice president, Mrs. Marvin Sharp Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. H. A. Conner, parliamentarian and Mrs. W. R. Hooper, press reporter.

After the orgnization was completed the hostess served delicious refreshments to the club.

The Home Economics club met at the home of Mrs. Roy Abbott, December 23. Her home was attractively decorated with holly and evergreens. After all business was completed and the program rendered a delightful Christmas menu was demonstrated and served. Each guest was then presented with a gift from the beautiful decorated Christmas tree.

The membership of the club consists of: Mesdames W. H. Huggins, J. A. Birdsong, A. F. Winston, D. Norwood, H. A. Conner, Marvin Sharp, Price Denny, W. E. Colley, Homer Rogers, Roy Abbott, W. R. Hooper, T. G. Lane, Dan Sumner, W. T. Berry, W. J. Stuckler, Oscar Holman, S. E. Smith, August Tennyson, Claude Hardison; and Misses Geraldine Parker, Lily Castlebury, Robbie Castlebury, LuCile Holt and Beulah Ladd.

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Ladies 1-2 soles $1.00
Ladies 1-2 soles guaranteed to wear 2 months ordinary wear $1.25
Men's 1-2 soles $1.00
Men's 1-2 soles $1.25
Men's 1-2 soles guaranteed to wear 3 months ordinary wear $1.35
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Some people say that they can't wear shoes after they have been 1-2 soled—come and give me a trial all work guaranteed.

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FORMER VERNON MAN KILLED OVER BUSINESS SETTLEMENT

John Tolbert, Jr., a former resident of Vernon, and son of J. H. Tolbert of El Centro, Calif., was shot and instantly killed there last week. The trouble arose over a business settlement and without warning he was killed by the manager as he walked into the place where he had been formerly employed.

Mr. Tolbert is survived by a widow and two children. He is a brother of Miss Lena Tolbert and a nephew of Mrs. Jas. B. Ross and Mrs. J. H. Pettit of this city.

Mrs. Manis Is Hostess.

Mrs. C. C. Manis entertained her Sunday School class Friday afternoon at her home on Bowie and Olive streets. The feature of the afternoon was candy making for the benefit of poor children. Many well-filled stockings were given out.

Rev. J. G. Miller of Durant, Okla. and Rev. A. W. Hall of Weatherford, are in Vernon. They assisted in the conducting of the funeral services for Robert Houssels and were pastors of church formerly attended by Mr. Houssels.

Mrs. Colley Hostess to Musicians.

Mrs. H. O. Colley was hostess to the Musician's Club Wednesday afternoon. The club responded to roll call with names of celebrated composers, singers or violinists. The following program was given: Piano duet (a) Arab Dance, Mathilde Bilbro (b) Scarf Dance, Chaminade—Mesdames S. P. Ingram and E. A. Vernon; vocal solo, (a) When Love Is Done, Eleanore MacLean (b) Near the Well (Irish Song), Agnes C. Quinlan—Mrs. E. C. Christian; Famous Women in Musical History—Miss Rhoads; piano solo, Impromptu, Lily Strickland—Mrs. Guy Puckett; musical reading, Food For Gossip and Lovalty of Men—Mrs. C. J. Farrell; The Influence of Women on the Great Composers—Mrs. J. O. Rouse; violin solo, Mi Teresela, Teresa Carreno—Mrs. R. S. McConihe; vocal solo, Little Mother of Mine (sung by McCormack) Mrs. P. W. Hendrix.

Recovering From Operation at Altus.

Miss Mary Katherine Massie is reported recovering nicely from an operation for appendicitis. Miss Massie accompanied her aunt, Miss Grace Massie, who is visiting here from Roswell to Altus to spend Christmas with relatives. On arriving she became seriously ill and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Massie, were notified. They arrived in time for the operation. Mr. and Mrs. Massie and son, Joe, are with her there and Frank, Jr., returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. R. H. Coffee and niece, Miss Mildred McCrary, are in Nolanville on a visit to relatives there.

Condition Still Unsatisfactory.

Mrs. Sam Randall, who underwent an operation Christmas Day, is still in a serious condition.

Youth in Serious Condition.

Lewell, 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Childers, living in northwest Vernon, underwent an operation for appendicitis Wednesday. He is still in a serious condition.

Rev. W. P. Garvin, presiding elder of the Vernon district, will occupy the pulpit of the First Methodist Church here Sunday morning and evening.

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THE VERNON TEA ROOM

Mrs. A. B. Stovall, Proprietress.

New Year Greeting

In extending our most Sincere Good Wishes to the people of Wilbarger County for the New Year, may we suggest that you include in your New Year Resolutions this one—

"THE BOLL WEEVIL SHALL NOT PASS"

We must not permit the Boll Weevil to get a foothold in Wilbarger county. To keep him out will require untiring effort, but it is worth all it costs.

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Cub Marvin C. Culbertson, "Cub"

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Cub Wm. R. Moore, "Doc" "Bill"

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Cub J. V. Owens, "John"

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PROTESTANT MINISTER
Cub Gus Ramage, "Gus"

INSURANCE
Cub O. O. McCurdy, "Mack"

GROCER
Cub Adam Donges, "Adam"

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Cub Roy McConihe, "Roy"

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Vernon, Texas, Friday, Dec. 30, 1921

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HELPING OURSELVES IN 1922.

The Childress Index suggests that their Chamber of Commerce assume one task for the coming year—that is to see that every farmer in the county have at least two or three milk cows and from three to a dozen brood sows. A Childress banker suggests the plan of getting baby chicks into the hands of farmers to increase poultry production.

Isn't that a combination for prosperity Is there anything finer than that that a Chamber of Commerce could do?

Adam Donges says that the Plainview country's big crop is poultry. And this is a sure crop. Wet or dry seasons effect it less than any other crop. It requires relatively small capital and is specially suitable for intensive "cultivation."

All this means that, as a whole, there would be no "crop failures;" and that instead of farming a section, most men would use only perhaps a twentieth of that amount. This would tend to increase population three, four, or even ten fold.

The poultry marketed at Plainview brings in more money, it is said, than their wheat, or than any other single crop. It was about $1,500,000 in 1921.

All of these considerations make a plan similar to that of Childress and to the Hale county plan for intensive poultry growing inestimably desirable for Wilbarger county. Figure, if you can, what it would mean to all of us if Wilbarger county farmers might market $1,500,000 of poultry in a year, a third that many hogs, and even a quarter of a million dollars worth of cream!

PUT YOUR MONEY IN THE BANK.

In a recent issue the Washington Evening Star comments on the robbery of an eccentric herb doctor at Delta, Colo., of $20,000 which he carried in a tobacco sack in preference to investing in government securities or depositing it in a bank. This sum represented his lifetime savings.

The editor of the Star's line of reasoning has fortunately become widespread, and there are now communities which have just recently had people who distrust banks and prefer to hoard their savings. A prominent citizen of one such town told me that he had $200,000 in cash about his home, and did not like to have large sums in cupboards and sugar bowls to meet unexpected demands. Our school buildings are constructed of loose bricks, and I have often wished, however, that we could put Banks are receptacles more secure than any Mayor and city secretary could have found.

Yesterday that the full limit of bonds we could legally issue at this time is approximately $194,000. That is based on the present year's valuation of property a through one knows that property generally has declined in value at least 25 per cent during the present year which, if true, would reduce proportionately the amount of bonds we could issue.

Not Enough for Both.

"Suppose we issue $100,000 for an first-class security at that rate, he would be $1,740 to the good every year. Or, if he put it in the bank in a savings account at 3 per cent his annual return would be $870, compounding. In other words, he was losing at least $870 a year whether he kept the money safely or not, losing it just as surely as though somebody had taken it from him. Now he has lost principal as well as interest.

POOR OLD MEXICO.

This is the story of a day: "One Witness Saw Twelve Men Hanging;" "Man Seriously Wounded After Argument at Mexia;" "Two Are Killed as Relatives Battle;" "Five Autos Seized by Dry Law Officers Sold;" "Woman Fatally Beaten at Yantis;" "Public Warned to Keep Away from Mail Car;" "Negro Bank Messenger Robbed of $8,000;" "Two Bandits Get $4,000 from Bank at Arkansas;" "State Takes Hand in Wilson Killings;" "Arlington Man Shot;" "Masked Men Get $2,000 from Bank in Oklahoma;" "Ex-officer is Acquitted of Murder of His Wife;" "Extra Policemen at Sherman;" "Unknown Woman is Found Unconscious;" "20,000,000 Counterfeit Revenue Stamps Seized;" "Hassell is Facing Two More Charges;" "Tulsa Mob Fails to Get Three Prisoners;" "Ranger Policemen Ordered Oust Bootleggers"—but why consume space. Mexico is a lawless Republic. For the sake of the fathers and clinging ever to the early traditions of the republic it will never do to recognize the Aztec Republic.—Wichita Record-News.

Referring to the fact that Earl Grey, one of England's greatest men, who has been practically blind as a result of over work some years ago, is recovering his sight since becoming engaged to Lady Glenconner—Jess Adams of Plainview observes that "falling in love with a widow is calculated to open a man's eyes."

PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE FIRM ENJOYS GOOD BUSINESS

Two years ago the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of California with Dewey Wilson as manager went into the field for prospects in Wilbarger county. Since that time with Vernon as the head office they have branched out into twelve counties.

Dewey Wilson is district agent and Homer Wilson a brother is special agent. Mrs. Dewey Wilson who assists in the office has the business at her finger tips and is credited with much of the success the company has enjoyed here. She has charge of all correspondence and by a system entirely her own finds new prospects for the firm.

Both the manager and special agent have qualified, in the first half of the year for the trip to New Orleans, in March, which is a yearly event staged by the head offices in California in some large city. Last year the agents were invited to San Francisco for this annual affair. The Wilsons were gone on that trip six weeks.

The company's slogan and business agreement is "It pays five ways, for sickness, accident, permanent and total disability, old age and death. 4 while you live and 1 when you die."

OIL COMPANY ESTABLISHED IN 1902 DOES BIG BUSINESS

The Vernon Cotton Oil Company was established here in 1902 and the oil mill property occupies ten acres. Situated just north of the Denver tracks and near the freight depot, the company has excellent facilities for loading their products.

J. O. Bomer of Brownsville, Tenn. is president of the company and Daniel Bond is secretary-treasurer and general manager. C. A. Kressenberg is the mill superintendent. P. W. Hendrix is cashier and Clark Ish is assistant cashier.

The company employs 65 to 70 men and the pay roll runs $1,100 per week for labor. In 1917, this corporation made some extensive improvements about the property; the mill was remodeled and enlarged, the new seed house was built and the office of red brick was erected. This improvement increased the capactiy of the mill. The mill is six presses capacity and oil, cake, meal, hulls and linters are turned out. On account of the mild winter, the cattlemen who are heavy buyers have so far not purchased heavily, cake, meal and hulls.

The linters, that is the short lint cotton baled up is yet on the yards because of no demand for same. During the war the government had a contract with the mills to take all they had at a fancy figure. This cotton was used in making high explosives.

managed to dispose of about half a dozen bales at a price that will not pay for the ties and bagging used.

FEMININE AGENCY MAKES GOOD

Mrs. Eugene Keltz Was Taking Magazine Subscriptions Until Profitable Field Opens

Mrs. Eugene Keltz with offices over the Wide-A-Wake store at the corner of Pease and Main, is the first woman of this city to enter the real estate business. Three years ago she was taking magazine subscriptions when a friend who was about to lose a place by foreclosure asked her to try and sell her home. She closed the trade in three days and made $100. The next two months she made $1,000.

When the oil boom came, to oblige another woman friend, she undertook to sell some acreage. This she did with in a short time. The first thirty days after the Sigler well came in she made ten thousand dollars. The quickest sale made by her was when she sold out an entire sub-division in thirty-six hours.

Business is brightening up now along the lines she deals in, town and country property. Mrs. Keltz "salted" some of this easily earned money in Vernon and Wilbarger real estate and says she is looking ahead for the next oil rush.

Record classified ads bring results.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Youngblood of West Wilbarger street have as their guest this week, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Youngblood and children of Paducah and Mrs. Raybura Kimberlin and son Ray of Altus, Okla.

LUMBER COMPANY HERE MANY YEARS

WM. CAMERON FIRM COMES TO VERNON SOON AFTER RAILROAD

Wm. Cameron and Company was one of the first lumber companies to follow the call of the Denver. It set up soon after the arrival of the railroad but left later when the dry years came. But returned in the '80s.

The records of this company were burned sixteen years ago and much of the history of this firm perished. For thirty years, citizens of Oklahoma and Texas have been buying lumber at this place.

Peck Manager Long Time.

H. W. Houk was manager in 1906. He was succeeded by A. P. Peck who remained manager so long that most people of the town and county remember no other. Fred Gardner took Mr. Peck's place but resigned one year ago when the present manager, James A. Jordon of Berncastle, Germany, arrived to assume the duties of that office.

Mr. Jordon's home was in Dallas but when the army of occupation began to receive discharges and ceased to be guardian of the Kaiser, Mr. Jordon wired the home office for his old job which he had previously held at Memphis. He spent four days with home folks in Dallas and came on to Vernon.

At present Mr. Jordon is assisted by Floyd Monday. The Cameron Lumber company occupies one-half block and is situated on Cumberland street.

ABBOTT WINS FLORIDA TRIP FROM INSURANCE COMPANY

Leland Abbott, of Amarillo, a former Vernon man and son of Mrs. A. Allison, recetly qualified for a trip to Miami, Florida. The prize was given by the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company for writing $100,000.00 worth of insurance. Mr. Abbott has only been with the company three months.

He is home for the holidays but will leave January 1 on his trip to the South.

GROCERIES

It is good business to pay as you go, so why not start the New Year right by paying cash for your eats?

There is satisfaction in knowing that there are no grocery bills to pay on the first of the month.

My stock is new, my store is clean, my price is right, my service is courteous and quick and every purchase is appreciated.

I solicit a portion, at least, of your grocery business for the ensuing year.

With the Season's Greetings, I am,

Yours truly,

J. C. Smith, Groceries

CASH AND CARRY

Phone 741 — 1st. Door West Farmers State Bank

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

I wish to extend to the ladies of Vernon and surrounding country my sincere thanks for their patronage this past season. Especially do I thank my friends and old customers who so liberally patronized me. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year—

NAYLOR'S MILLINERY

WITH EVERYBODY FACING THE NEW YEAR we take this occasion to extend Greetings to our Friends and Customers. ¶ May your days be PEACEFUL and your hands be BUSY at Pleasant and Profitable employment during 1922—what better wish can we make for you?

Remember the Poultry Show in Vernon, January 13 and 14

CROW SISTERS

USED CAR BARGAINS

1 Dodge Brothers Touring Car . . $250.00
1 Dodge Brothers Touring Car . . $415.00
1 Dodge Brothers Touring Car . . $600.00
1 Ford Coupe $395.00

All of these cars are in excellent condition and we will stand behind our cars and work. Take advantage of these bargains as they are real hard-time buys. Good batteries, good tires, good tops and good values for every cent that is asked for them. Terms.

Happy New Year

J. A. McFall

Phone 444 — 330 N. Main St.

A New Year Suggestion

—Our faith in Wilbarger county and its future impels us to make the suggestion that the most successful business is always the one having the most complete equipment—Poor equipment is an expensive handicap, whether it be worn-out plows, spavined power, or a tumble-down barn or home. That is why we urge you to PUT THE OLD PLACE SHIP-SHAPE for the New Year.

—Making the HOME COMFORTABLE, the Barn weather-proof, or the Fences "hog-tight and bull strong" is an INVESTMENT THAT PAYS wonderfully big dividends in the increased value of your place, no less than in happiness and contentment for yourself and family.

—Let us help you with building suggestions that do not involve any obligation on your part—they're FREE.

Quality ——— Service ——— Satisfaction

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

Jim Jordan, Manager
Vernon, Texas

New Year Greetings

We extend to our Friends and Customers GREETINGS for the New Year—thanking you heartily for the most prized of all favors—your patronage during 1921.
We hope you will continue to trade at the same old PLACE during 1922, where you will always be TREATED RIGHT.
We are headquarters for School Supplies, Oil and Gas. We sell the Famous VERA-BEST Flour, and sure that a trial will make a REGULAR CUSTOMER of you.

Oklaunion Grocery Company

General Merchandise
Oklaunion, Teas

Automobile Section

IT TOOK A STOUT HEART TO RUN ONE IN THE OLD DAYS

Owners of Automobiles Forced to Alight and Lead Teams Past Thing of Terror — Ernest Hampton Wins Recognition as First Owner—Approach Could Be Heard For Miles.

In 1906 there was ushered in a new era for Wilbarger county for that year automobiles made their appearance in Vernon. True, once before one had passed swiftly through the town headed west. And once before one had sojourned two weeks in the village and had been examined and passed on by the "leading citizens" as a thing of evil, because it frightened teams. But this one had come to make its home in the community and really belonged to the town. It was a thing to which one might point with pride.

Ernest Hampton was the owner of this "boat" and it was fearfully and wonderfully made. The owner resides in Vernon today and only a few years ago scrapped this car. The machine was an Oldsmobile, one-cylinder, equipped with solid tires, dry cell batteries and kerosene lights and had no doors. The steering device was shaped like a walking stick.

Could Hear A'Coming.

The engine was under the seat. It is needless to remark that it was not equipped with a self-starter. The car also possessed a large and raucous voice that could be heard for several blocks on a windy day. There was a seat for two passengers, but one walked and pushed most of the time. Its elegant lines were still farther enhanced by the full leather top that adorned it and the price, f. o. b. wherever it came from, was $750.

The second car was owned by Guy Waggoner, who outstripped Mr. Hampton by purchasing a car with two cylinders, a Columbia five-passenger. When Mr. Waggoner bought this car, he bought trouble with it. He owned a farm, north of Pease river, and as no bridge spanned it at the lower crossing at that time, the owner handed over many a five dollar bill to some man with a mule team to pull him across the deep sand.

Hold That Horse's Head!

When the cranky object reached the hill above the river and headed toward the ranch, it was sure to meet some man with a team that had never been introduced to this fiery demon, and forthwith would ensue a battle between the scared team and the man. Thereupon Mr. Waggoner would alight and obligingly lead the animals past the thing of terror, the owner of the team meanwhile threatening him with the law. Mr. Waggoner would then crank the car and resume his journey, to be halted possibly several times during the short trip. Some of the drivers of these frisky steeds were not courageous to hold their ground, and old Kit and Beck, with both hands, would tie up the team when they espied Mr. Waggoner in the distance, and would seek safety by rolling under a fence until he went tearing by.

'TWAS ENOUGH TO MAKE A PREACHER SAY THINGS UNDER HIS BREATH

Although automobiles have come to stay and the public is awake to their convenience, at one time, not many years ago, they were looked upon with a scorn and suspicion. Ministers assailed them from the pulpit, citizens tried to have laws made to keep them off the highways, in fact, they were thought to be nuisances, devices of Satan, snares for the ungodly and toys of the idle rich.

At a certain church in this county where meetings were held under a brush arbor, about the time the preacher would get in a fair way of explaining the scriptures, far down the road he would see the carbide lights twinkling right merrily as one of his congregation a little more abreast of the times than the others, would come into sight.

Horses "Rared Up."

Men would forget the sermon and dash wildly out to hold their horses not because the elephants were coming, but because greater menace was upon them. The owners would swing onto the bridles of the "broom tails" until they quieted down, and then would trail slowly back to hear the minister. The parson sometimes heatedly denounced automobiles vehemently. Of course, when the meeting was over, the congregation waited until the car and owner went chugging out of sight.

Once a year a picnic, known as the May picnic, is held near Doans. For some time those who had the picnic in charge thought it would be advisable to ask owners of automobiles to refrain from attending the picnic or else come in a sane manner as their fathers had done. A compromise was finally reached with the owners of the cars by asking them to leave early, before the crowd started home.

Had To Leave Cars.

As the picnic is held in a grove behind a hill and the cars could not have climbed back up the steep incline, they parked at the top. It was several years before a chauffeur had the courage to take a car down into the picnic grounds. At last this was done and bets were freely exchanged as to whether he would return to the top of the hill under his own power or by mule strength.

Was Runaway Buggy.

The first car that attempted to cross Red river at the Doans crossing went through there, according to the inhabitants, about 1906 or possibly 1907. One resident, who lives there now and drives her own car, relates her experience on seeing this automobile pass.

There was an awful roar far down the road that runs by her home, and she ran out, expecting a runaway team. What was her horror to discover what looked to be a buggy running away without any horse attached to the vehicle. She ran screaming into the house, gathering up her children as she ran.

Was Terrifying Sight.

An old woman who was spending the day, was her only help at this time. She ran to her and screamed "Grandma, come quick and see this awful sight, here is a buggy running away with itself."

The grandmother hobbled to the door and peered out. "La, child!" she exclaimed as she peered down the road, "that's a horseless carriage, an automobile. I saw one in Gainesville when I visited my daughter last summer."

The little red car drew up with a grand flourish in front of the town store, and an admiring audience was already assembled to greet it. The occupants were a man and woman, on their way from Sweetwater to Altus, Okla. The strangest part of the incident then occurred. The wonder car crossed Red river under its own power!

AUTO THIEVES REAP HARVEST

Statistics Show That 70,000 Cars Have Been Stolen This Year

By EDWARD THIERRY

New York, Dec. 30.—Automobile thieves are reaping the biggest harvest in history. Best estimates show cars stolen this year will number 70,000; their total value being $70,000,000.

Insurance companies say depression impelled many to abandon high-priced cars and collect insurance for their "theft."

Carelessness of automobile owners is another big factor. Tests revealed that most owners do not lock their cars.

Detectives made a test in New York streets. They counted 84 cars which were equipped with locks, 66 of which were not locked.

"It is no wonder that insurance companies are tightening up the restrictions on automobile insurance," said W. P. Young, secretary of the national automobile underwriters conference. Fifteen per cent off is given if the car is equipped with a lock. What good is the best car in the world if it isn't locked?"

A tremendous increase in automobile thefts is shown by figures for New York City, and for nine eastern and New England states.

Thefts have more than doubled in 1921 over 1920. Fewer stolen cars are recovered.

Thirty thousand automobiles were stolen in 28 large cities during 1920; Chicago leading with 5,500 and New York next with 5,200. This total has greatly increased during 1921.

Water or loose dirt in the carburetor through unstrained gasoline will cause trouble, in which case flush the carburetor and let out the dirt and water through the petcock in the base.

OLD STUDEBAKER GOES 250,000 MILES DURING LIFETIME

Car Owned by Dr. R. W. Hix Brought From Fort Worth in 1909—Driven For Ten Years and Was Still Hitting on Four—Made Into Runabout—Final Resting Place at Odell.

For age and reliability the palm must be yielded to the famous old car belonging to R. W. Hix of Vernon. This Studebaker was bought in Fort Worth November 1, 1909. Dr. Hix went to Fort Worth to purchase this machine, and he and Earl Vernon, a former resident of this city and a brother of A. N. Vernon, drove it home. They made the trip in one day, and found the roads sand beds and gullies nearly all the way.

Dr. Hix says good time was made near Decatur when they hit it up quite lively, going sometimes as fast as forty-five miles an hour, which he asserts was a trifle too fast for him.

Car Cost $1,300.

The car, when first rolled out of the factory was blue black in color, four passenger and four cylinder. Without top, speedometer and windshield, the automobile cost $1,300. With the other little adjuncts mentioned it reached $1,500.

The cushions were "thrown in" and were of real, "sure enough" leather. They are in splendid condition today. Dr. Hix has cushioned one of the chairs in his office with one and uses it at the present.

Car's Appearance Altered.

After the car lost its newness the back seats were removed and it was turned into a runabout, a more convenient conveyance for the work in which its owner was engaged. Dr. Hix drove this car for ten years and one month, and estimates that he traveled 250,000 miles in this faithful old machine. At the end of that time it was still "hitting on all four."

Dr. Hix gave this car to his daughter, Mrs. Ellen Tombs of Odell, but it stood idle one year, in the physician's back yard, out in all kinds of weather.

Resting Place At Odell.

At the end of that time George Hix pressed it into service and after running it for some time, broke the crank case. He traded it to Mr. Gable of Odell where it reposes in peace behind a garage at that place.

Dr. Hix is one of the first settlers in this county and has practiced medicine many years here. He has worn out many horses as well as this old car, but says he became as much attached to the old Studebaker as though it had been really flesh and blood instead of a thing of metal, wood, and leather.

WENT UP CONDON HILL ON HIGH—UNHEARD OF FEAT

Roads were as bad in the early days as they are now, and streets were even worse. Many people hesitated before buying cars long after they were convinced that they really wanted one because of this condition.

It was reported at one time that the first car that ever took Condon hill, near Hill Crest, on high was a Ford. However, that was considered quite a feat.

Roads Discourage Owners.

In the Odell country, the sandy roads were so bad that several citizens in that vicinity decided they couldn't get out of their own community if they purchased cars. At last Dr. A. C. Daniel summoned up courage and appeared in a Reo one-cylinder.

Soon after, Chun Bell and B. D. Smith in a Ford and an R. C. H. began to buy gasoline and have tire troubles also. Others purchasing automobiles soon after were: W. T. Collins, Chas. Roster, J. M. White and J. P. Hamilton. Today nearly every family in that community rides in a car. Automobiles have made the roads in Wilbarger county.

Pulled It On High

Along about 1913, sand was so deep on West Paradise street that a banker who lived on that street said he would not hesitate to buy a car, if he could ever find the make that could pull the sand on high gear by his residence.

Some enterprising salesman, while others tried and failed, made the grade and the banker kept his word.

MOTOR APPARATUS ARRIVES IN 1912

PRIOR TO THEN FIRE DEPARTMENT DEPENDED UPON MAN POWER

The first motor driven fire fighting apparatus in Vernon was purchased and delivered in August, 1912. This was an American La France, 70 horse power car and was called a combination chemical and hose motor.

Until that time the company did not even use horse power for its work but depended upon man power to pull its equipment, or to hitch to the vehicle of some friend.

New Additions Last Year.

In 1920 another chemical engine, a Dodge, thirty horse power, was purchased. Later there was installed another American La France, combination hose and pump motor, with a capacity of 750 gallons per minute.

SHOULD PRESERVE GRAVITY.

J. W. Leak Says Batteries Will Otherwise Freeze In Exiremely Cold Weather.

When the gravity of a battery is permitted to run down in the neighborhood of 1.150 in extremely cold weather, this part of a car's equipment will freeze. This sentiment was voiced by J. W. Leak who operates a battery service station on East Wilbarger street. When this condition occurs, Mr. Leak remarked, the car should either be driven more or the battery should be taken to some station and recharged.

The local service station proprietor branded the cause of most battery trouble as "overwork and underfeeding. "When the generator is putting out too low an amperage," he remarked, "the electrical system of the car will go wrong."

Good care of the car and regular watering of batteries were denoted by Mr. Leak as the principal activities an owner can do to keep his car in good running order. Periodical visits to service stations, he said, will avoid trouble which will grow into serious proportions if neglected.

DODGE AGENCY SELLS 114 AUTOMOBILES

MCFALL BROTHERS ENJOY FINE BUSINESS SINCE OPENING HERE.

The McFall Brothers like the Dodge Brothers have been engaged in the sale of this car since the first model was put on the market. In 1914, the franchise was taken by the McFalls before the specifications of the Dodge car had been given out to the public.

They bought $250,000 worth with the only knowledge that the Dodge Brothers were going to build this automobile. At that time, the Dodge people were noted for their reliability as to building cars and parts; having been associated with Henry Ford in his factory and also stockholders in the company until they went into business for themselves.

Sold 114 Since Opening.

July 1, 1919, Ernest Hampton, a long time resident of this city opened up for business and since the establishment of this agency by him $146,627.30 gross amount of business has been done by the company here.

Since opening, 78 new cars have been sold and the sales record of used cars has been 36. One of the first cars sold and purchased by G. L. Ham is now owned and operated by J. E. Lockett of Vernon. N. R. Heath also owns one of the earlier make of this machine.

Firse Car Down Death Valley.

This car noted for its endurance and "staying qualities" was the first automobile to go down into Death Valley and emerge again under its own power. At that time the model was not so handsome as now. Their new Sedan is as beautiful as it is dependable. Upholstered in a subdued gray with wide comfortable cushions, a foot warmer near the rear seat with heat supplied from the engine, anti rattler doors and windows, mahogony finished wood work, electrically lighted, front cushions undivided holds one secure from "northers" sand storms and rain.

The mechanical details are being worked out each year to make this type of car more efficient and durable. Experts work at this as chemists toil in laboratories to invent new ways to combat diseases.

J. M. McFall and J. A. McFall have associated with them here beside Ernest Hampton, their first agent; H. M. Lisman, R. T. McKee and Walter Lignau. The company is comfortably located at their sales rooms at 330 North Main where models of the Dodge are displayed.

THINKS AUTOMOBILE DESERVES PLACE IN HALL OF FAME

T. J. Youngblood Says Mechanism Was as Intricate as Swiss Watch—Trip to Colorado Results in Wealth of Troubles—Forced to Send Ballast Back—Car Finally Blows Up.

T. J. Youngblood, who owned a Carriee car for his first automobile, claims that in a way his car was nearly as famous as Dr. Hix's old Studebaker. This car had a friction drive, and because of its wonderful makeup was as complicated as a Swiss watch.

Once Mr. Youngblood loaded in six passangers and a thousand pounds of balgage and started this grand machine to cool Colorado. All went merry as a marriage bell until he reached the first sand when he realized he had better throw out a little ballast. Accordingly on reaching Quanah, he shipped his shot gun back to Vernon.

At every station more of his equipment went home. On reaching Amarillo, he was horrified to discover that he had in some manner broken a set screw in some part of the "thing's" anatomy.

Puzzled By Situation.

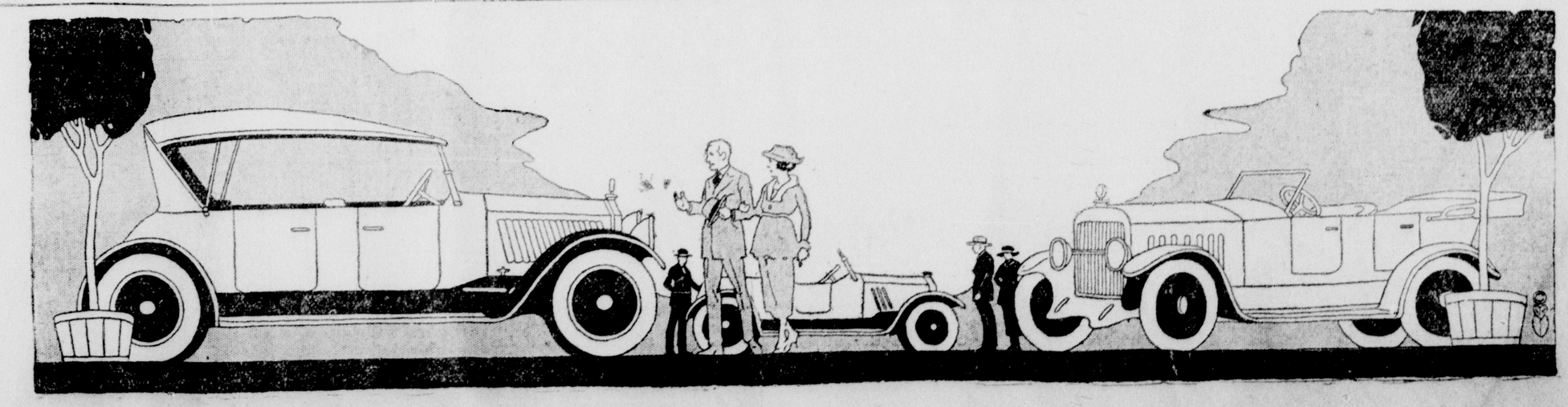
He was in a quandry what to do. So he decided to have the screw taken out and replaced. This delayed him fifteen hours and cost him about fifty dollars.

The owner believed that if the screw was not replaced that the car would blow up. He found out afterwards that the screw, like an appendix had nothing to do with the running gears.

"Send More Fibre."

The party proceeded on its way without a single blow out to Colorado or back to Vernon, but had every other kind of trouble that flesh is heir to. On account of the friction drive, it became necessary at fregnent intervals to have the fibre replaced, and while away from home the owner's friends declared every telegram from him read "Send more fibre."

Mr. Youngblood says repairs were $1,500, and after making a delivery car of the machine, it blew up and refused, haughtily to serve in that capacity. He afterwards sold the old brass on it for $25.



FORTY FARMERS OWN FORDSON TRACTORS

NAPIER BROTHERS SELL FIVE HUNDRED FORDS IN WILBARGER COUNTY.

Napier Brothers located on North Main street an authorized Ford agency, took over the business known as the T. H. Shive Motor Company, July 1918. Since that time with factory closed down during the war, prohibitive freight rates, slow shipments and low price of cotton: this company has sold over 500 cars and 40 Fordson tractors.

Fordson tractors. In 1921, they sold 150 cars and sixteen tractors. Receipts for accessories alone for Ford cars average $25,000.00 yearly.

The Napier Brothers occupy a building 90 by 110 and is used exclusively for their shop work, sales rooms and office. No cars are stored and no other accessories are sold only for tractors and Ford cars. Over $15,000 worth of accessories are in stock here at all times. No tedious delays are experienced by the owners of Fords or Ford cars are cheaper by $5.00 than ever in the history of the Ford age. A plain touring car is $355.00 f. o. b. Detroit. The lowest price was $360.00. Now step in the freight rates and war tax and the man who owns a Ford pays for this make of car $441.78. The touring car with starter is priced at $514.63 delivered in Vernon.

The repair shop it is stated is the best arranged and most commodious business of that kind in West Texas. They repair Fords and Fordsons exclusively. Innes McCrary, a Vernon product is head foreman and other mechanics are Walter Bildstein, Morgan Hartley, A. H. Haley, and Clayton Messick.

The Napier Brothers are three in number: J. Myatt Napier is the business manager and has charge of the office, Joe A. Napier has general supervision over the shops and Sam M. Napier has charge of the accessory department.

Posted Notice.

This is to notify the public that my place three miles northeast of Vernon is posted according to law and all persons hunting or trespassing on same will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

93-8tp ED S. SMITH.

FIXIT SHOP CAN FIX IT.

D. Estes Commenced In Modest Way But Business Grew By Leaps And Bounds.

D's Fixit Shop was established by D. Estes in 1915 and is located on east Wilbarger street. The first years of the life of this shop were devoted to general mending, and the sale of bicycle tires. Later Mr. Estes turned his attention to the automobile accessory line, and has entered other branches, also.

During the World War, the owner virtually shut up shop and joined the colors. For eighteen months he served at Austin, in the mechanical personnel department of the Aviation Corps. At the end of the war, he returned and took up his work again.

Mr. Estes handles Firestone, Santa Fe, Edison and Oldfield tires, automobile accessories, general lathe and radiator work, does acetylene welding, and makes and fits keys of all descriptions. As the name of the firm implys, he does a general line of repair work.

KNOWLEDGE FOR CAR OWNERS.

The old-fashioned way of draining the water system at night and filling in the morning with hot water is good. A more advanced method of getting heat to the engine is by using a radiator heater. Do not forget the garage heater and the anti-freeze.

The radiator hose connections in the water system of the engine should be frequently inspected. Ofttimes these hose connections look fair on the outside, but they are bad on the inside. When the walls of the hose become decayed they have a tendency to swell and close, thereby preventing proper circulation.

The radiator hose connection can be made secure against leakage throughout the life of the car, by the use of a section of inner tube instead of the regular joint. Double the tube back upon itself for the length of the connection and secure it by the special clamps. This will withstand all vibration.

When you are looking over the tires on your car don't forget the spare you are carrying behind. Unless it is covered to protect it from light, water, oil and heat, it will rapidly deteriorate. These four enemies of rubber will take the life out of any rubber product in a short time. It is important to make sure that the spare tire is fastened tightly to the carrier. If there is any play in the fastenings there will be constant rubbing against the casing and consequently injury to it.

Unless the piping is tight there is danger of excessive vibration which will strain the connections of the intake pipe and cause them to leak, making the engine miss, hesitate and possibly backfire, or at least run irregularly on low speeds.

In making any adjustment, it is important that the party making the adjustment shall positively know what effect will follow the turning of an adjustment screw in either direction, and also how much effect is to be expected from one or more turns of the screw.

ROBINSON SALES FOR YEAR GRATIFYING

NATIONAL BUICK FIRM, TOO, HAS GREATEST VOLUME FOR YEARS

The Robinson Motor Company, on the corner of Cumberland and Wilbarger streets, has been in business in Vernon four years. The concern is agent for the Buick automobile and has disposed of fifteen cars in twelve months. These cars average in price eighteen hundred dollars, so that twenty-seven thousand dollars have swelled the Robinson coffers from this source alone in the last year.

In recognition of the fact that Buick transacted the greatest volume of business during the past year, the concern was awarded first place at the National automobile shows. The figures on which the award were based comprised only the six cylinder cars. This goes to prove, Mr. Robinson states; that Buick is the largest builder of six cylinder automobiles in the world.

Leads In Innovation.

The Buick is acknowledged to be the first car to use the valve-in-head motor. The new six cylinder is considered as fine a piece of mechanism as any competitor in this class. Buick is also turning out a very creditable four cylinder car that is much admired by automobile fans.

The repair department of the Robinson Motor Company is presided over by W. R. Edwards and D. Davis. The concern handles Kelly-Springfield and Firestone tires, and the Texas gasoline and oil.

HARDY VERNON ADVENTURERS OUTRIVAL EARLY PIONEERS

In 1911 R. L. (Bob) More and C. R. (Dick) Staley, in a Hup 32, set sail for the golden west. At that time the adventure seemed to the inhabitants of this country to be a very hazardous and long one. True, such things had been done but up to that time no one had started out from Vernon on a trip of exploration as these two venture some souls were about to do.

Lewis and Clarke explorations seemed very tame in comparison. Those pioneers had journeyed leisurely along by ox team and afoot, while these two men were about to risk their lives in an automobile. Several shook their heads and gravely prophesied the local men might never return unless in pieces.

Through Trackless Desert.

Mr. More and Mr. Staley went by the way of El Paso, New Mexico, and Yuma, Arizona. They reached San Diego after a hard trip of eleven days, a distance of 1,759 miles. Part of their way was through trackless deserts, and they traveled for miles without seeing any sign of inhabitants.

Once in eastern New Mexico the travelers started to cross a dry arroyo when in the distance they heard a roaring. They knew that this ravine had its source in the mountains, and deemed it might be a head rise from a water spout. The men thought it the better plan to wait and watch developments.

Marooned By Flood.

In a few moments the flood arrived and in a short time became a raging torrent, fifty or sixty feet deep. The Vernon adventurers were forced to camp far back on the hills for two days before the flood subsided. As they were 150 miles from a railroad they were glad they "awaited developments." Their lives might have been spared but the car would have been lost.

At one place the travelers paid 50 cents per gallon for gasoline. It was 9 cents in Vernon at that time.

The travelers returned to Vernon in due time full of their adventure, but determined to permit other stout hearts to blaze trails in the future.

NEW CONCERN SPECIALIZES IN BATTERY TROUBLES

A new concern, the Quality Tire & Battery Service Company, with J. L. Shows of Electra as manager, is located at 201 South Main street. Mr. Shows was formerly with the Texas Company at Electra, but came here three months ago to engage in business for himself.

This concern handles the Hawkeye 6,000 and 8,000 mile tires, rebuilds batteries and tires and ferrets out any ignition trouble. Mr. Shows sells Exide batteries.

In certain cars it is necessary to remove the floor boards in order to lubricate the clutch throw-out collar. As a consequence many car owners neglect this important item of lubrication until trouble in the unit makes it necessary. In cases of this kind where no provision has been made for lubrication by having a grease cup that extends up through the floor boards, it is wise to install an oil line to feed this part. This can be done by arranging a large oil cup to feed through a small opening into a metal pipe running to the throw-out collar.

Dry cells should be wired together from the zinc of one cell to the carbon of the next in the series.

FIRST POWER HEARSE ON VERNON STREETS IN 1917

In February, 1917, the first motor driven hearse appeared on the streets of this city. This was and is the property of T. J. Youngblood, for it is still in service today. J. M. Underwood undertaker, recently added an ambulance to his business, and the firm has ceased to use horse drawn vehicles in its work.

Formerly a funeral some miles in the country required a whole day to be brought to a conclusion.

"TIGHTEN THOSE LOOSE WHEELS"

Dollar Saved Dollar Made

I can tighten your loose wheel where it is about to fall to pieces, and make it as good as new, at a very reasonable price.

D. Estes

East Wilbarger

Make YOUR New Year Resolve

to trade with

The Exide Battery Service Station

VULCANIZING AND IGNITION

a Specialty

HAWKEYE —— 6,000 and 8,000 Mile —— TIRES

"More Miles for Less Money"

QUALITY TIRE & BATTERY CO.

201 South Main Street

Vernon, Texas

VALVE-IN-HEAD Buick MOTOR CARS

Your Foot on a Buick Brake Gets Results

Buick brakes, like Buick cars, don't fail. Easy to operate, easy to adjust, positive in their action —Buick brakes provide that factor of safety so necessary today. Buick invites comparison.

PRICES		PRICES	
22-4-34	$935.00	22-6-46	$2135.00
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22-4-37	1650.00	22-6-49	1735.00
22-6-44	1495.00	22-6-50	2635.00
22-6-45	1525.00	F. O. B. Flint, Mich.	

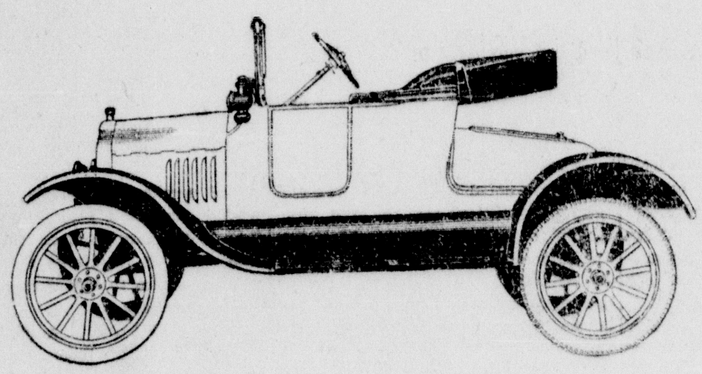
AUTHORIZED Buick SERVICE Emblem of Satisfaction

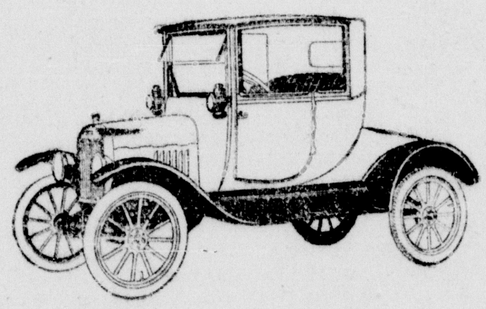
ROBINSON MOTOR CO.

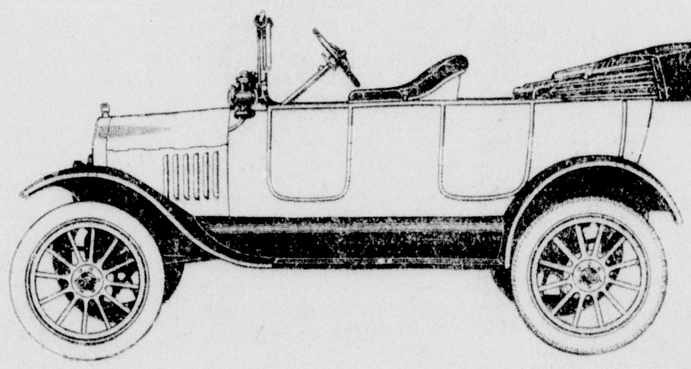
WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

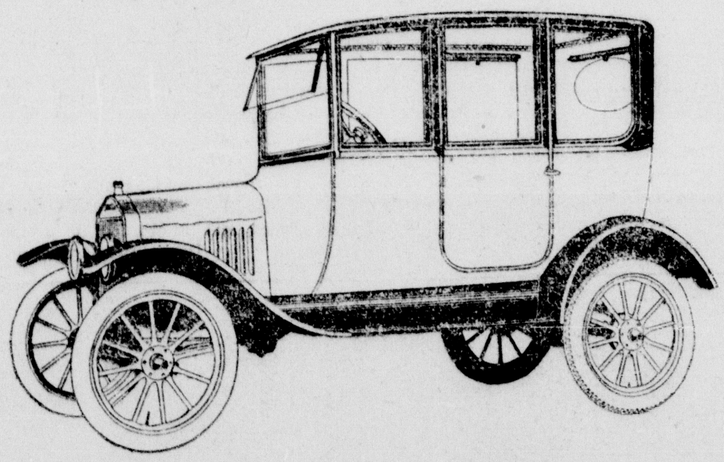
Ford

THE UNIVERSAL CAR









We wish all our friends a happy and prosperous New Year

NAPIER BROS. MOTOR CO.

R. L. MORE GIVEN FIRST NUMBER ON COUNTY RECORDS

Little Two-Cylinder Maxwell Wins Premier Honor In Wilbarger—One by One Owners Desert Steeds for Automobiles—Prevalence Now Makes Old Timer Look Under Bed.

October 19, 1908, registration of cars was started in Wilbarger county. Several pioneers, who had owned cars for two years, did not register until far down the line.

On the records transfers of many cars failed to manifest themselves, as the new owners did not come and have them recorded.

Number 1 to R. L. More

R. L. More secured number 1, a designation that was nearly as highly prized as the first poll tax issued to a woman in this county. His car was a little two-cylinder Maxwell, red in color, and a runabout. Pitts and Hampton obtained number 2 with a two-cylinder Jackson. Number 3 was given to J. D. Summerour and afterwards owned by Dr. Howard, who said that if the thing got in an inch and one-half of sand, "it wouldn't pull the hat off your head."

Dodson and Dodson abandoned their fine horses and buggies in which they had made so many hurry calls all over the county to accept number 4. Drs. Hix and Garland came out with number 5, a Maxwell run-about, in which to visit their patients, and Dr. H. H. Rhoads took out number 16, another Maxwell.

Dr. J. C. King, of Harrold, not to be outdone by the city physicians, purchased a Maxwell also, and with number 11 displayed on the rear of his car, started out across the wide prairies.

Trade Store For Car.

R. A. Kelly registered number 6, a Jackson; J. F. Holt, number 7, a Maxwell; T. M. Holt, number 8, a Pope Toledo, 40 horse power; T. L. Pierce, number 9, a red Wayne 30; number 10 went to C. R. Staley, a pioneer among automobile owners. It was a fifty-horsepower Thomas Flyer, for which Mr. Staley says he traded a general merchandise store. Dr. R. W. Hix, on his well-known Studebaker E. M. F. showed the number 14.

C. S. McCulloch showed his fortitude and bravery in those perilous times by placing on his new Fuller, with green body and red running gear, truly a bright spot on the landscape, the number 13, supposed to bring misfortune and doubly so when adorning an automobile.

The Fletcher sisters were the first women in the county to own a machine, number 18, a high wheeled Fuller. Since that time they have never been without an automobile. In later years their favorite make has been the Hupmobile.

T. J. Youngblood, A. C. Boger and J. H. Kincheloe, in the early days tried to plow the sands of the county in Carter Cars.

Other Early Owners

Some other early motorists and their cars were E. M. Leutwyler, Overland; Daniel Bond, Hudson two passenger; John Brownlee, Harrold, Buick; John Coffee, Maxwell; E. H. Pigg, Overland; Ed Nyeum, Maxwell; H. E. Key, E. M. F.

What about Fords? One of the first of the now famous make was owned by Bill Day, a citizen of Vernon. It appeared upon the streets of the city about 1907. The first recorded car of this make was number 22, bought by J. G. Ayers May 16, 1910. It was a five-passenger touring car, body and running gear green, 20 horse power, and the name was spelled Foard. The supposition is that the deputy clerk thought strange looking horseless carriage hailed from Foard county. The names of fliver, tin Lizzie, jitney and others had not become the great national jokes translated into all languages under the sun.

Can't Shake a Stick at 'Em

Steadily from October 19, 1908, when R. L. More placed Number 1 on his little red, two-cylinder Maxwell, the registration numbers have mounted upward. Last year the number of cars registered in this county was 1,789. To date, in 1921, the figures stand at 2,165. No wonder, says the old-timer, the pedestrian complains he must look under the bed each morning before emerging for fear one of the pesky things should be in the room and catch him unawares.

SIX YEARS BEFORE CAR NUMBERS REACHED 100

It was six years before the number of cars in Wilbarger reached the 100 mark after the arrival of Ernest Hampton's Oldsmobile. November 20, 1912, W. O. Anderson attached the number to his new Ford.

After that cars in the next three years increased five fold. The number jumped from 500 to 1,000 between Christmas 1915, and the end of the year 1917.

U. S. Davis' Dort was given the number 500 and J. W. Ladd's Hupmobile was the thousandth car. A Ford belonging to G. E. Graf, was the last car registered before the State Highway Commission took over the work of registration. It bore the number 1921 and was registered June 16, 1917.

This year the number had reached on November 1, 2,165.

CAN FIX UP YOU'R OLD, OR SELL YOU SOME NEW

The Auto Tire and Batery Company successors to the Para Vulcanizing Company and located on South Main street, has been established in this city six years. The proprietor, H. F. Ragland, handles India tires and tubes, Gould batteries and sells Beaver-Electra oil and gasoline.

Batteries are rebuilt and vulcanizing work done by the firm. Mr. Ragland also carries a complete line of automobile accessories. He is assisted in his work by Woody Huffman.

WORKS COMPANY 5 YEARS OLD.

Firm Was Established On Square In 1916 But Is Now On North Main Street.

In May, 1916 A. M. Works established on the square the Works Auto Supply Company, remaining at that location two years and then removing to his present place of business on North Main street, one door north of The Vernon Record office. The business was incorporated last July for $40,000 and A. M. Works is president, T. G. Curry vice-president, and Miss Bennie Works secretary and treasurer.

Paige and Maxwell cars and Maxwell trucks are sold by the firm. Mr. Works is of the opinion that the new series Maxwell now out is perhaps the most remarkable piece of mechanism offered the American public in the form of an automobile. The firm devotes a large share of attention to its accessory trade, and claims to carry the most complete stock of accessories west of Fort Worth.

R. F. Taylor, salesman, is also a stockholder in the company. Ed Krebs, who has been with the firm four years, is a mechanic of high ability, and John Browning is another expert wielder of tools.

WHITE GARAGE ONE OF FINEST

New Establishment Fills 'Em Up At Rate of 10,000 Gallons Per Month

The White Garage, with S. H. Baker as manager, on the corner of Main and Wilbarger, is one of the handsome new buildings of Vernon. The former building on this site by the same name was destroyed by fire one year ago, and was replaced at once by W. R. Piper of Dallas.

The structure is of red brick with a frontage of 60 by 110 feet, and is situated on the Colorado-to-Gulf Highway. Racine and Diamond Tires are sold here, and the company handles Pierce Corporation oils and gasoline. L. B. Waldon is official car washer. R. W. Ferrell has charge of the tire department and Tom Hardison and Ed Mason make up the sales force.

Sales of gasoline and oils at this station are estimated at ten thousand gallons per month.

OLD FIRM—NEW NAME.

Proprietors Hearken To Trend Of Times And Cater To Needs Of Autoists.

The Motor Supply Company, an old firm in new attire, made its debut at a new stand on West Wilbarger street in March of this year. Wylie Bennett and Homer Rogers, owners, have engaged in business for several years in this city.

The proprietors are closing out their lumber yard situated at the rear of their new building as rapidly as possible, and intend devoting themselves exclusively to this new line of business. Their handsome building is of brick and its dimensions are 32 by 60 feet. It is situated directly on the Colorado-to-Gulf Highway.

The Motor Supply Company handles Water-White Gasoline, Goodrich and Gates Tires, Gulf and Mobileoils. A repair department is maintained.

KNOWLEDGE FOR CAR OWNERS

The appearance of a car can be very much improved by first carefully washing the surface with warm water containing a little ammonia and then give it a coat of thin varnish.

During severe cold weather a part of the cooling area of the radiator should be covered. This will keep the engine warmer and add to its efficiency. One must experiment as to the area to be covered. Usually about one-quarter or one-third is sufficient.

In making repairs on the inside of a cellular radiator with the ordinary type of soldering iron, an inexpert workman such as the ordinary car owner is likely to be is very likely to start more joints leaking, so that the radiator is worse after he gets through than it was in the first place. This is a job for an expert.

It is a good plan to start the engine when filling the radiator of a car with the pump system. In some cases there are places which fill with air which can be dislodged only by running the engine. The system may seem full but after the engine has started the level will be found too low. Running the engine while filling will do away with this.

Look Over Them All

—and then you will come back to us and buy the famous, dependable tires we sell, the tires that have been carrying millions in safety and comfort year after year with never a sign of dissatisfaction. We stand back of them because we know they are absolutely reliable and uniform in quality and service.

Auto Tire & Battery Co.

THE WHITE GARAGE

(VERNON'S MOST MODERN)

Extends Greetings for the New Year

Gasoline, Oil, Tires and Accessories

DAY AND NIGHT SERVICE

Plenty of Room for Storage

Let Us Wash Your Car

S. H. Baker, Manager

"ON THE HIGHWAY"

New Year's Greetings

APPRECIATING our pleasant business relations during the past we wish you the Compliments of the season and trust that the coming New Year will bring the best you have ever known in Happiness and prosperity.

Service Our Specialty

During 1922, as heretofore, we will GIVE YOU SERVICE. For Better Gas and Better Oil TRY US. Oil is cheaper than gears—so let us OIL YOUR CAR.

Motor Supply Company

Bennett & Rogers

"The Place You Will Eventually Trade"

"A NEW YEAR'S GREETING"

The Christmas Spirit that envelops our people at this glad Season of the year prompts us to greet our friends and customers with a wish for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

WORKS AUTO COMPANY, INC.

DODGE RUGGEDNESS WINS MANY FRIENDS

J. A. McFALL SAYS CARS HAVE WITHSTOOD THE MOST SEVERE TESTS

The fact that the majority of automobile owners regard the quality of endurance as the most important factor in the choice of a car is not surprising to J. A. McFall, local Dodge Brothers dealer. He commented on the survey just completed by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, which shows that endurance ranks first among 20,000 car owners to whom the questionnaire was sent, with comfort second and price third.

In the middle price group, which takes in the range from $500 to $3,000, 18 per cent of the total agree on endurance as the first essetial, 11 per cent mention comfort first, and 10 per cent admit that they give first thought to the purchase price. Following is the complete list of preferences as disclosed by the survey:

Middle Priced Cars.

1. Endurance 18 per cent.
2. Comfort 11 per cent.
3. Price 10 per cent.
4. Appearance 9 per cent.
5. Economy 8 per cent
6. Service 8 per cent.
7. Flexibility 7 per cent.
8. Hill climbing 6 per cent.
9. Endorsement 6 per cent.
10. Specifications 6 per cent.
11. Speed 5 1-2 per cent.
12. Appointments 5 1-2 per cent.

"In a man or a motor car," said the dealer, "it is this endurance, or ability to deliver the goods consistently, that wins out every time. The owner whose car sticks by him like a faithful friend is almost sure to reward it with his lasting affection and loyalty. More than anything else, probably, it is this ruggedness which has already made Dodge Brothers motor car the choice of over 600,000 people. In the world war, 20,000 of them stood up gamely under the cruelest tests and today in the oil fields thousands more are giving faithful service under conditions that are fully as bad.

"But it is not alone in the quality of endurance that Dodge Brothers car excels. Important refinements added during the last few years have made for increased comfort, and you will notice that comfort stands second on the N. A. C. C. list. As for the purchase price, Dodge Brothers proved by comparative charts that their price was fair even before the reduction. Nobody can deny that it is an exceptional value now.

Attention To Details.

"Particular attention has been given by Dodge Brothers to every feature which will enhance the refined and substantial appearance of the car. To give only one illustration, the improved Sedan, with its disc wheels, cord tires, and the latest custom windows, brings credit to the taste and judgment of every owner. On the score of economy and service, which 8 per cent of owners demand, it is only necessary to cite the Dodge Brothers car's long and consistent reputation for low gasoline consumption, high tire mileage and freedom from the necessity of repairs.

"To continue on down the list, Dodge Brothers car has proved itself flexible enough for every use from traveling across desert sands to attendance at society functions; it has the endorsements of more than 300,000 owners; its specifications show that it has abundant power and speed, which is the eleventh requirement on the list; and its appointments are all that a careful insistence on the best materials can make it.

"In short, we feel that Dodge Brothers car not only comes up to all the requirements of those who give first consideration to endurance, comfort price, but that it will sell itself, on merits, to the majority of the peo- the entire twelve classifica-

GENERAL AUTO POPULAR HERE

"Bob" Sells In Neighborhood of 10,000 Gallons Gasoline and Oil Each Month.

R. W. (Bob) Ferrell is owner of a new filling station on East Wilbarger street. The name of the firm is the General Auto Supply Company.

One of the first businesses of this kind in Vernon was started by C. R. (Dick) Staley and operated under the name of the General Auto Supply Company. Later it changed hands and afterwards was purchased by Ferrell and Thompson, who removed to their present new building.

These proprietors handle Texhoma gasoline and oil and estimate their sales to be about 10,000 gallons per month. Roy Thompson is also employed there.

HUSBAND—WIFE PROPRIETORS.

Service Auto Supply Company Establishment Would Be Credit To Much Larger Town.

The Service Auto Supply Company is everything that its name implies. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Allman, managers of the business, are located on West Wilbarger street in the commodious building recently erected by R. L. More.

Mrs. Allman who, previous to her marriage was Miss Grace Manis of this city, early realized the importance of the automobile industry and was quick to take advantage of this line of endeavor. Mr. and Mrs. Allman are ably assisted by T. P. Lasman, Jr., and Gladner Young.

Clayton Thomas has charge of the garage department. In connection with the filling station there are forty fire proof storage vaults for cars.

The Service Auto Supply Company handles Water White Gasoline, Michelin and Lee Puncture Proof tires, and Mobiloil.

AFTER HE TEARS 'EM APART, HE BUILDS 'EM UP AGAIN

George A. Long, owner of the Wrecking House, the last resting place of many a car, is a native of St. Paul, Minnesota. This unique concern was established about six months ago and is doing a thriving business.

Old cars are torn down, the parts sold, cars repaired, Vulcan and United States tires, and Mutol lubricating oil sold. Associated with Mr. Long is Charles Hansard, an ex-aviator of Sherman, Texas. This firm is located on the east side of the square.

ADCO BATTERY CLAIMED TO BE DIFFERENT KIND

The Adco Storage Battery Company, with W. D. Long as owner and manager claims a different kind of storage battery than any other make. It is a dry storage battery instead of the wet variety, and is claimed to revolutionize the whole battery business.

E. D. Long, a son, is helper and the business has been carried on eighteen months at its present location on Cumberland street.

CREATH MOTOR CO. SHOWS GOOD RECORD IN SALES

H. D. Creath Motor Co. was established last June. It is located on North Main street and stock in trade consists of Hupmobiles and Packards. H. D. Creath is sole owner.

The firm carries Hupmobile parts and since its establishment has sold six Hupmobiles and two Packards. J. H. Moseley is salesman, Frank Byrd manager of the inside work, and Ray Billings mechanic.

HE'LL WELD IT SO IT WONT COME APART

The Vernon Radiator and Welding Shop is just exactly what the name implies, says H. W. Mass, manager. The company has been here two year and at present is located on North Cumberland street. Marion Price is employed at this place. An acetylene process in welding is used on any make of car, and the process guaranteed.

WERE AMONG EARLIEST.

J. J. Manis a Dealer In Gasoline And Oil In Vernon For Fourteen Years.

J. J. Manis and Sons, dealers in automobile accessories claim the distinction of being among the first dealers in this line of commodities. Mr. Manis has been handling gasoline and oils for fourteen years in this city.

Six years ago, he took up the sale of accessories. The junior members of the firm are his two sons, R. V. and Connie, who both have virtually grown up in this business. The proprietors sell Gulf gasoline, Hood, Miller and Portage tires, Ford car parts, and do light repair work.

The establishment is situated at the same stand where Mr. Manis first went in business, 235 North Main street.

FARM IMPLEMENT AND AUTO ACCESSORIES MAKE UP STOCK

The Southwestern Implement Company, with J. H. Freudiger in charge, not only carries the well known line of John Deere implements, but sells Fisk tires and parts for Ford cars. It has been doing business at the present location on Cumberland street for two years.

Business is better now than in the early fall, says Mr. Freudiger, and he expects matters to brighten up perceptibly soon.

CAN MAKE OLD AUTOS LOOK GOOD AS NEW

In connection with the Auto Trimming ompany is the Fred L. Reed Sign and Auto Painting establishment. Mr. Reed has been in business here for three years, two of which were passed on North Main street.

One year ago he moved to his present location on South Main street. He is assisted by Milton Archer.

MAKES OVER OLD TOPS TO LOOK LIKE NEW

V. C. Morris, assisted by his father, V. O. Morris, has been in business over one year and is situated on South Main street. He does all kinds of upholstery work and makes and repairs tops.

Mr. Morris is a native of Vernon. He owns the only business of this kind in his home town.

IF YOUR ENGINE KNOCKS JUST WATCH 'EM FIX IT

Coleman Brothers and Hancock, in a brick building just west of the City Hall on Marshall street, exhibit more than ordinary efficiency in repair work. The proprietors moved into their present place of business in July, and have operated very successfully thus far.

According to Henry Coleman senior member of the firm, work is guaranteed and any deficiencies made good. The building is 30 by 90 feet and well arranged. General auto repair work is done and Pierce Oil Corporation oils sold. E. E. Coleman and Bradford Hancock, two members of the firm, assisted by John Krebs and Bill Goad, do the repair work.

IF IT NEEDS FIXING, JUST GIVE 'EM A CHANCE

The B. & H. Garage is owned and managed by Britton and Henderson, proprietors, and has been established nearly six months. Repair work is specialized in. The concern is located at the corner of Cumberland and Wilbarger streets.

In this same building is the Howe Quick Tire Service Co. Mr. Howe has been engaged in business eighteen months. He also sells the Pierce Oil Corporation gasoline and oils.

KNOWLEDGE FOR CAR OWNERS

The maner in which you park your car has much to do with the wear on the tires.

Spring clamps should be inspected at least once a month to see that all nuts are tight.

When gasoline is left standing for a considerable time, even if it be in the tank, it will lose its ignition efficiency.

After removing old piston rings, if it is found that any are scarred or cut, they should be replaced with new ones.

Leakage in the stuffing box usually can be stopped by tightening the nut around the pump, but persistent leakage calls for repackage.

LADD'S PLACE POPULAR HERE

Established On East Wilbarger Street; One of First of Kind in City.

C. M. Ladd, owner and manager of the popular filling station on East Wilbarger street, known as Ladd's Place, is a pioneer in the garage business, as he was one of the first to embark in this line of endeavor years ago. Mr. Ladd's first venture was made on Cumberland street.

From this place he moved to the White Garage on Wilbarger street and in 1917, realizing the importance of this growing business, constructed his present handsome brick building. The structure has a frontage of 82 1-2 by 90 feet, and is handsomely designed.

Mr. Ladd sells United States tires and Magnolia gas and oils. He sells gasoline, both wholesale and retail, and estimates that he disposes of from 10,000 to 20,000 gallons per month.

Otto Lawson, Joe Compbell and L. D. Adams make up the sales force. Mr. Ladd is also district agent for the Delco-Light system, a profitable line of merchandise. His business is located on the Colorado-to-Gulf Highway.

When washing the car be sure that the sponge is free from grit and dirt.

Our New Year Greetings

May 1922 bring you friends who are true; and Peace and Prosperity in Abundance.

C. M. Ladd

Wholesale Oil and Gas
Automobile Supplies

READ THE CLASSIFIED WANT ADS.

WE WISH to thank our patrons for the business given us in Nineteen-Twenty-One and previous years, and hope to paint and trim your cars for Nineteen-Twenty-Two.

No better time you'll have than NOW to paint and recover your car for Spring. Start early that you may not need to rush out your work.

F. L. REED
Signs and Auto Painting
205 S. Main

V. C. MORRIS
Auto Trimming
Phone 296

We personally superintend all work done in this shop.

To Our Friends and Customers

BEST WISHES for the NEW YEAR

—During 1922 let us have a chance to KEEP YOUR CAR RIGHT—and save you trouble. All work guaranteed.

B. & H. GARAGE
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Jno. Deere Implements

Wagons
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For satisfaction, safety and economy you buy a "sure thing" when you buy Fisk Tires.

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"Best Wishes for a Prosperous New Year"

SOUTHWESTERN IMPLEMENT CO

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WE SAVE you time and money with our many articles for your autos.

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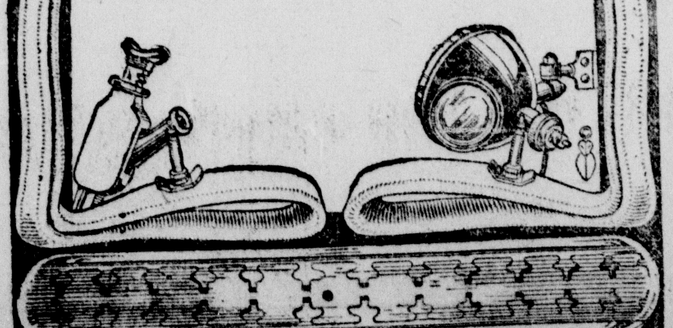

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Agricultural-Educational-Historical Section

COUNTY CONCEDED TO BE ONE OF STATE'S FINEST

Wilbarger Farms Excellently Developed and Crops Highly Diversified—Live Stock and Poultry Flourish—Local Farmers Win Premiums At State and County Fairs.

Wilbarger county is considered by experts as one of the best farming localities in Texas. A. D. Jackson, government station expert, has offered considerable complimentary comment on the section, and has indicated that it is as well developed as any he knows.

One of the most salient features of Wilbarger is the fact that its products are widely diversified. Livestock and poultry flourish equally well with staple food products, and each year county farmers appreciate more significantly the opportunities open to them in this respect.

Products Diversified.

There are few specialists along restricted lines in Wilbarger county. More appropriately, everyone is a specialist in respect to every product produced on the modern farm. Cotton may be considered the "money" crop of the section, but fights for popularity along with wheat, corn, feed stuffs, poultry, and livestock. Many farmers there are who defray all current expenses from so called "sidelines," and the end of each harvest season finds them with fat surpluses to provide a "nest egg" or with which to invest profitably in more land.

Cotton acreage was reduced materially in 1921, but the yield surpassed all expectations with 24,000 bales. Wheat, too, produced heavily and elevators in the vicinity handled more than 800,000 bushels. Approximately $2,000,000 from cotton and half as much from wheat was released in this county to stimulate the channels of trade. F. H. Littleton, R. D. Hurt and J. F. Gregory experienced especially good success with cotton this year.

Much Registered Livestock.

Livestock in Wilbarger is of a high grade, and there are many registered cattle and especially fine horses. These animals have taken premiums consistently wherever they have been shown. A. M. Bourland, Joe Collins, Mark Neal, R. E. Carpenter, and S. W. McLarty are eminent stock raisers in this county.

Alfalfa can be expected to consistently produce four or five cuttings a season, and each acre yields from four to five tons a year. William McCaleb, living about a mile and one-half east of town, raises especially fine alfalfa as well as livestock and feed.

Excellent Fruit Yield.

Fruit, too, can be raised in this highly diversified farming country. Apples, plums, and pears flourish to a certain extent and J. F. White of Wilbarger has been a noted grower of fine apples for many years. J. P. Bennett and D. B. Martin produce excellent peaches and truck products, and J. E. Lutz grows fine plums and pears. J. H. Pettit has met with marked success in producing watermelons and cantelopes.

Peanuts, feed corn, oats, feterita, kafir, grain sorghums, spur feterita, sweet potatoes and berries all flourish in the loamy soil of Wilbarger. R. A. January of near Odell raises especially good spur feterita, and W. A. Walker, J. H. Kincheloe, and Walter Cagle have produced corn yields that might gladden the hearts of any farmer. Frank Lockett was eminently successful with the oat crop he raised the past season.

Bob Castlebury possesses probably the finest flock of sheep in Wilbarger county. This industry is not extensively cultivated in the section, although the country is admirably adapted for it.

County Horses Excel.

Wilbarger horses have captured premier honors at many a county and district fair. A. Allison owns several animals that never fail to place in the running, and Homer Evans also possesses horses of excellent breed and ability. Fred Streit raises exceptionally fine standard bred steeds.

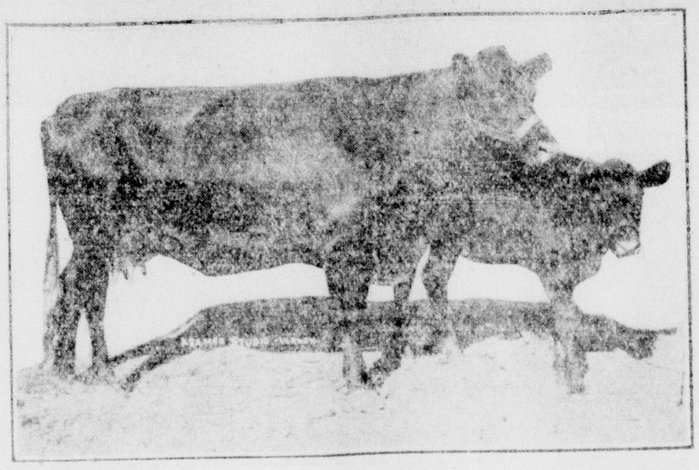
Poultry is fast coming to a more important place in the county's industries. All varieties of fine chickens are raised with excellent success, and breeders from this section who exhibit seldom fail to win honors at the largest fairs in the State. Thousands of dollars worth of eggs, chickens, and turkeys are annually sent out of this county to markets all over the country.

Many Capture Premiums.

S. D. Lawliss, S. P. Clement, and Adam Donges are among those who have met with unqualified success in the poultry industry. There are innumerable others, however, who likewise have made the business profitable and whose exhibits have taken premiums at many fairs.

Dozens of Wilbarger county farmers came to this section with empty pockets, many driven by ill fortune from the homes they formerly occupied. Almost without exception they have accumulated land and wealth. Sturdy muscles, intelligence, combined with persistent industry have won them a fortune in this new land and verily amply rewarded them for the reverses Nature deemed fit to bestow them in order that they might take up a pilgrimage to Wilbarger's productive domain.

THEY ARE CONTENTED IN WILBARGER FIELDS



A sample of the livestock produced in this section. Considerable blooded cattle is raised in Wilbarger county.

IS EVIDENTLY A STATE RECORD

R. D. HURT PRODUCES PRACTICALLY SEVEN BALES ON THREE ACRES

Practically seven 500 pound bales of cotton from three acres. That is the record established this season by R. D. Hurt, living about three miles west of town, and one of the most industrious farmers in the county. Three thousand four hundred and ninety-five pounds of lint, there were only lacking five pounds of making the full seven bales.

Many in this vicinity consider that Mr. Hurt established a State record with this prolific yield. Thus far it surpasses all accounts carried in State papers of what have been considered phenomenal productions.

A Record Yield.

Mr. Hurt's total yield on 140 acres was 122 bales, an exceptional amount. Forty acres, on his own land, netted him 52 bales, and on 100 acres of the W. C. Orr place he obtained 70 bales.

The cotton was planted shortly after the middle of April, and twenty acres were so saturated with water from recent rains that they were not harrowed with seed until the middle of May. Mr. Hurt and his helpers hoed the land twice and plowed it four times. The soil is valley sand land.

Seven bales were hauled to the gins in one day by this industrious farmer. It is hinted that those who were aware of the comparatively small amount of land he owns confidentially informed him that the "Ku Klux'll get you for stealing someone else's cotton." It simply did not seem possible that such a prodigious amount could be obtained from only a mediocre supply of land.

Keeps Place Clean.

Mr. Hurt fears no danger from boll weevil if a thorough cleanup is adhered to. His policy is to keep his place clean throughout the year. Mr. Hurt, who is originally from Honey Grove, is enthusiastic over the opportunity for farmers in this section. He insists that the phenomenal yield on his place this year is attributable, not to his industry and care in cultivation, but because good land, good seed, and a goodly amount of intelligence proved too great a handicap for Old Man Adversity to overcome.

RAISES FORTY-FOUR BALES ON TWENTY-EIGHT ACRES

Ed Schoppa, living fourteen miles southwest of town in the Rayland community, produced forty-four bales of cotton on twenty-eight acres of land this season. Each bale weighed between 550 and 575 pounds.

Mr. Schoppa's cotton land, consisting of sixty-eight acres, made seventy-four bales the past season, and each averaged from 550 to 575 pounds. Mr. Schoppa is one of the most progressive citizens of this community.

OKLAUNION HAS FINE TRADE AREA

PATRONS COME TO COMMUNITY FROM RADIUS OF TEN MILES

Oklaunion, about eight miles east of Vernon, is a progressive community of some 300 population, and possesses several business establishments of more than ordinary calibre. Its trade area extends in a radius of approximately ten miles, and from the northeast patrons come from as great a distance as fifteen miles.

The First Guaranty State Bank of which C. A. Allingham is president, J. W. Rainwater vice-president, and Roscoe Rainwater cashier, is an institution of remarkable strength for a town of this size, and its influence is felt all over the county. Two mercantile stores, one owned by Clay Brite and the Oklaunion Grocery Co. by Harry Stalcup, H. C. Hancock, and Ben Schelchin, who manages it, would be creditable businesses anywhere.

Good Business Personnel.

The Byars Hardware Co., owned by Lon Byars and R. J. Byars, manager, carries a very complete line of merchandise and enjoys a wide trade territory. Further than these establishments there is the Texas Garage of which H. L. Westerman is owner and manager, the Oklaunion Hotel owned and managed by Mrs. L. B. Moore, a confectionery store owned by M. H. Brite, a barber shop, formerly owned by W. H. Little, and a blacksmith shop operated by H. K. Hammer.

Two gins, one owned by Harris, Irby and Vose and the other by the Vernon Cotton Oil Company, add to the mercantile attractiveness of the town. These gins are to be rejuvenated for the season next year.

Oklaunion, established through a Denver warranty deed to its right-of-way November 22, 1888, now possesses real estate valued at more than $100,000. It has issued $15,000 worth of bonds for a new school building, and takes an immense pride in its facilities for education, which are especially excellent.

Bountiful Wheat Harvest.

Beside the establishments mentioned above there are two elevators belonging to the Kell Mill and the Wichita Mill and Elevator Co., which handled approximately 150,000 bushels of wheat the past year. Mainly from this source and from cotton grown in the vicinity deposits at the local bank have aggregated more than $300,000 this year. Business has been good this fall and there was a bountiful harvest.

There are two churches, the Baptist and Christian. W. M. Read is pastor of the Baptist congregation and lives in the parsonage there, and Elder Cooper is leader of the Christian church.

HENS BRING RICH REWARD

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hale Davis Depend More on Chickens Than Crops for Profit

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hale Davis, living on Vernon route 2, were richer by $1,000 last year through the efforts of 233 hens and three cows. It is the opinion of this farmer that no industrious man can fail if he has a good combination of chickens, cows, and diversified crops.

Mr. Davis realized $218 after all expenses were paid from his wheat and oats this year, and he has also 400 bushels of grain in his bins. He also grows some cotton, but it is considered merely as a "cash crop."

In the event that no rain is forthcoming shortly, Mr. Davis expects to grow fifteen acres of sweet potatoes on some wheat land. He will also increase his feed and cotton crop, and, to use his own words, "I'll depend more than ever upon my chickens and the cream from my cows for profits."

NAME OF TOLBERT BESTOWED ON TOWN TO HONOR JUDGE

Community First Bears Name of Wheatland Switch But Other Town Found to Have Title First—Is Flourishing Farming Center—Families Come Many Miles to Take Up Abode.

Tolbert, eight miles northwest of Vernon has been in existence several years. At one time it bore the two names of Wheatland switch and Tolbert postoffice.

The Fort Worth & Denver, when it installed a switch at that place, gave it the name of Wheatland because of the immense quantity of wheat loaded there.

Named For Judge.

Later when the citizens of the surrounding country wanted a post office there, the name of Wheatland could not be used because there was another Wheatland in the state. The name Tolbert was bestowed in honor of Judge J. R. Tolbert, county judge at that time.

W. B. Pruitt established the first store near that place and was the first postmaster.

Population Always Same.

Tolbert has never been a place that has boasted many inhabitants but its population has been consistent. At present the little village has two general merchandise stores owned by Tooley & Corley and G. L. Rose. The Tolbert Lumber Company, with E. A. Chaney as manager, an elevator, a blacksmith shop and garage comprises the business activities of the town.

The Methodist church, with Rev. R. V. Tooley and the Baptist church, with Rev. McNair in charge, have large congregations.

For fifteen years, T. A. Lockard has been the depot agent at this place.

Home Of John Robbins.

John W. Robbins for two terms served his people as congressman to the State legislature from this little village. Later he was elected State treasurer and served in this capacity four terms. Mr. Robbins came to this county in 1888, one year before Tolbert was allowed a post office. He later died in Austin. Two of his sons, Leonard and Walter Robbins, are prominent citizens of Wichita Falls.

T. H. Shelby, son of J. L. Shelby, a pioneer citizen of the Tolbert community has charge of the University Extension work. Mr. Shelby was principal of the Hubbard city schools for several years before he went into this field.

Came By Wagon.

In 1890, three families in far-a-way Nebraska, having heard of the possibilities of this western country, loaded their families in five wagons and started for Wilbarger county and the town of Tolbert. The trip was made in three weeks and five days. For one whole week in passing through what is now Oklahoma, then Indian territory, they saw no human beings.

They then met an Indian who, upon inquiry, said he did not know where Vernon was but it was "three suns to Doans." They forded Red river at that place and soon reached their destination. The three families were A. W. Blain and family, G. M. Purvis and wife, and J. H. Robertson and family.

Mrs. Purvis and Mr. Blain are visiting here now from California and Arlington, Texas.

Family Still Here.

Mr. Robertson has died but his son, Ed, and daughter, Mrs. T. R. Easterling, and widow, who is now Mrs. L. E. Stevens, still live in Vernon and own two and one-half sections of the land on which they located in 1890.

W. B. Covert, another old settler, arrived here from Denton county the year of the big wheat crop in 1891. Wilbarger was well advertised that year on account of its phenomenal wheat yield, and other pioneers, too, date their coming from that year. Mr. Covert and wife own one section of land where they first settled and have a well improved place. One daughter, Mariana, is at home and another, Miss Emma Lou, recently married and lives in Amarillo.

J. F. White arrived from Montague county in 1890 and cast his lot with the other citizens of the county. He and his sons own three sections of land near Tolbert and a small village farther north is named White City in honor of the family.

Now Lives In Vernon.

In late years Mr. White has been living in Vernon while his sons, John, Perry, Clint and Luther live on the big farms. Mr. White at one time proved to the dubious ones of the county that the sandy land of the northwest part not only would raise bumper crops of cotton and corn, but luscious peaches, rosy cheeked apples, and the famous Burbank plums.

Forty acres were set out in orchard and every year that Mr. White entered exhibits he brought home blue ribbons on his fruit from the Dallas Fair.

Raises Fine Peaches.

Another man "farther up in the sand," T. B. Priddy, who preaches diversification and also practices it, is having wonderful success with peaches. He sold over $300 worth from his 20 acre orchard last year.

S. L. Page and brother E. B. Page have lived in this neighborhood for years. They own a fine body of land and are very prosperous farmers. S. L. (Leslie) taught school for several years in this vicinity, but for some time has been devoting himself to stock raising and farming.

Came In Nineties.

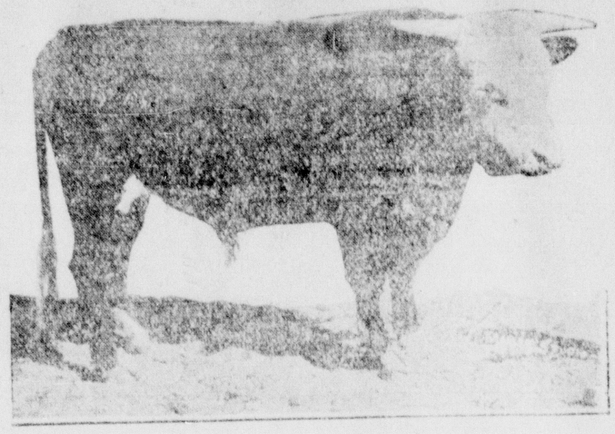
The commissioner for the north side, J. S. (Sidney) Archer, arrived in the "90's" and has spent most of his days in that part of the county. "Uncle Tommy" Baker, now a citizen of Vernon, settled near Tolbert in 1880, the year the railroad reached the village.

The late A. C. Swinburn, the contractor who built the court house, jail, and other public buildings, lived there with his family in 1895. A son, Matt S., is living there now. Another son, Oscar A. and his mother reside in Vernon.

Others Prominent.

Other settlers of long ago and recent years are: S. E. Swim, Earl Willis, Ben Vaughn, E. C. Wood, S. T. Porterfield, J. N. Lawson, Mrs. A. D. Craig, Mrs. Ida C. Henry, R. R. Brooks, M. W. Boger, W. W. Adams, J. T. Dunson, J. B. Gauntt, G. W. Upshaw, Brooks Germany, G. F. Emrick, and J. T. Dunson.

WILBARGER COUNTY BORN AND REARED



Another Hereford premium getter from local fields. Abundant feed crops in this locality make producing livestock a most profitable enterprise.

COUNTY HELPS MAN BEAT ADVERSITY

F. J. LITTLETON FINDS SUCCESS AFTER FORTUNE FROWNS HEAVILY

F. H. Littleton has been in Wilbarger county only since last December, but he is a confirmed booster. He lives three miles west of town in the sandy land district and is fast becoming independent.

A year ago, in fact, he came here penniles and can now be considered in comfortable circumstances. Nothing has brought about this newly found reward but his own industry and Wilbarger county soil, climate and seed.

Driven Out By Weevil.

Mr. Littleton made but two bales of cotton on his Denton county farm during the two years preceding his arrival here. Boll weevil reduced his capital to nothing, wiped out every asset, and left him only his rugged strength and steadfast determination.

At Wilbarger the wanderer found a refuge from the dread pest, and came to this section as a cotton picker. He finally located on a farm west of town and is working a share crop on halves.

Is Now Prosperous.

It is significant that this season Mr. Littleton gathered sixty-eight bales of cotton on about seventy acres. Fifty bales he sold for $5,000, and there is revenue still to come. The man who was destitute has been taken from the files of those suffering adversity, and placed in line with those upon whom prosperity has smiled.

First Venture In Business.

Mrs. Robert L. May living near Fargo, has a flock of 100 hens and is just venturing out into the chicken business. She has both Rhode Island Reds and White Leghorns that yield a handsome profit.

FARGO SETTLED IN EARLY EIGHTIES

MR. AND MRS. JAMES STAFFORD WERE PIONEERS IN COMMUNITY

Mr. and Mrs. James Stafford made the first settlement in Fargo when they moved to their farm there from the Doans community in the early eighties.

They were the first store keepers and Mr. Stafford was the first postmaster at that place. Since then they have been in business there. At present Theodore Stafford, a son, has a garage and accessory business in Fargo. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford last year celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Fargo. A daughter, Mrs. Jennie Coffee, and a son George also live in the community.

Sponsors Three Churches.

Fargo has three churches, Methodist, Baptist and Church of Christ, though the Fargo Baptist church is situated one miles north from the town, and the other two, one mile in the oposite direction. They are a part of the town, for this little village is strung out in one long street with one short avenue intersecting it.

Fargo has a good gin, the property of S. B. Starr of Odell, with A. L. Wall as manager. Two stores, Ragsdoll & Stanley, with Artie Hayes as manager, and Mason Brothers, with Tom Mason as manager, supply the village and surrounding country with groceries and dry goods.

Two garages and a blacksmith shop with Theodore Stafford, Clarence Kerns, and J. S. Chism as owners, and a drug store owned and operated by Dr. A. T. Hayes comprise the business of the town.

Community Proud of School.

Fargo has one of the best schools in the county and at present it is badly over crowded. I. L. Coggins is principal, Misses Bonnie Deal, Myrtle Huber, Willie Couch, and Myrtle Weaver are teachers, and there are 225 students.

The handsome two story building contains an auditorium where the exercises of the school and the mass meetings of the community are held.

Women of Fargo have organized a Home and School Improvement club and this year at the fair took second prize on their exhibit of canned goods and textiles. Sixteen hundred jars were canned during the season. Mrs. D. J. Wilhelm is president of this club.

Came In Eighties.

R. B. Richardson and W. H. Beavers are pioneer citizens of this county. They too came here with their families in the eighties and have made their home in the Fargo community since their arrival.

Mr. Beavers is living two miles south of the school house on the farm he first took up. He owns a section of good Wilbarger dirt and expects to remain with it during the rest of his life.

Other Pioneers.

Mr. Richardson lives west of Fargo about three quarters of a mile on the second place he settled in this county, and is one of the best known farmers in that community.

C. S. Smith and wife, who was formerly Miss Rosa Parks of Fargo, have lived in that section of the country for many years. Mrs. Smith's parents were among the first settlers in Wilbarger county and gave the first land for a cemetery, in the country outside of the town.

The well kept cemetery is situated on the land yet owned by Mrs. Smith. Mr. Smith, too, came here in the early days. They own over a section of land in this community.

Owns Two Sections.

H. E. Key is another successful farmer of Fargo. He owns two sec-

WILBARGER ROADS TO EQUAL THOSE OF OTHER SECTIONS

Bond Issue Carried Overwhelmingly In Fall Insures Many Miles of Paving for Travelers—Construction to Start in Spring—Country Roads to Benefit Also.

Wilbarger county will not be outstripped by other sections of the State in the matter of good roads. A bond issue this fall, carrying four to one, calls for $600,000 to be devoted to the highways of Wilbarger, and for many miles of concrete paving.

In short, when the project is completed, a hard surface thoroughfare will extend from Oklaunion to Tolbert, halfway across the county. This will constitute part of the well-known Colorado-to-Gulf highway as well as the State road, Highway Five. Federal and State aid assisted materially in the enterprise undertaken by this county. About $200,000 additional was obtained in this manner.

Country Roads To Benefit.

Each commissioner's precinct, of which there are four, will receive $50,000 for road work. This will be expended on establishing grades, on leveling roads, and building bridges and culverts.

Approximately $300,000 of county money will be used to furnish concrete roads within a radius of about two and a half miles of Vernon. Federal and State aid, however, will extend this mileage considerably on the highway running east and west.

All Receive Benefit.

The project of constructing the hard surfaced roads radiating from Vernon was construed as the best method of benefitting the most persons in the county. It was deemed that the roads closest to the county seat are naturally given the bulk of travel, and thus should logically be administered the most care. Traffic, converging before it reaches the city, exerts a tremendous strain upon the sandy roads now existing, and as a consequence they have been in poor condition much of the time, especially during dry seasons.

There has been talk of another bond issue in the eastern part of the county, but this has not been definitely determined upon. At present the county is eagerly awaiting the construction of its first considerable venture along this line.

E. L. McHugh, county judge, and Commissioners A. M. Bourland, Luttrell, O. A. McCaleb, and Sydney Archer will have this project in charge. All of these officials were deeply instrumental in causing the success of the bond issue.

LAWLISS ESTABLISHES WELL-KNOWN BREED

S. D. Lawliss near Oklaunion five years ago with three pens of Rhode Island Reds started into the pure bred poultry business. Today four hundred beauties comprise the flock. The "Lawliss Reds" are known wherever they are shown as prize winners. Mr. Lawliss has never failed to carry off the blue ribbons wherever he has shown his birds.

He has studied the science of mating for both egg and exhibition qualities and not only found this to be a pleasure, but a profit also.

WAPLES-PLATTER NEW BUT GROWING INDUSTRY

The Waples-Platter Company established a branch wholesale house in this city January 1, 1921. It is located just east of the Frisco and depots and between the tracks.

The company has ten square feet of floor space in and brick building. This wholesale grocery company lish a branch house here.

E. E. Edmonson is manager company employs ten sees it himself.

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FIRST SCHOOL IN COUNTY AT DAWSON VALLEY

Mrs. A. T. Boger Teaches First Institution in 1881 — Pupils Sit on Improvised Seats In Dugout—First Sunday School Was in Home—"Daddy" Nigh Teacher in New Building.

Dawson Valley contained the first Sunday School and school in the county. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Boger invited the neighbors to meet with them at their home and conduct Sunday School in 1881. About thirty people gathered on these occasions and Rev. J. T. Hosmer preached once a month for them.

In 1881, Mrs. Boger taught the first school in the county. In a dug out erected for that purpose in the sand hills near the river. The dugout was 12 by 14 feet and had a fire place and the usual dirt roof.

Roster Of Students.

The following, then children, attended: Mrs. Cecil Storey, A. C. Boger, Joe and Flora Simmons, Lon Byars and the children of Charley McClain. Five of these scholars are residents of the county. Mrs. A. T. Boger, the teacher, Lon Byars, Mrs. Cecil Storey and A. C. Boger live in Vernon, and Joe and Flora Simmons live near Oklaunion.

For a term or two Mrs. Boger received $14 per month as salary. This was a subscription school, and three months sessions were held.

Furnishings were very plain. Seats were of cottonwood logs split with pegs driven in for legs. A writing desk was nailed to the side of the wall and this too, was made of a split log. The open fire place furnished the only other artistic touch of the structure.

Moved To Home.

The school was afterwards moved over to the home of Mrs. Boger where a photograph was taken by Henry Dale when the Sunday School was in session.

Miss Rose was one of the teachers at this school. Patrons of the school finally decided to build a wooden structure to take the place of the poorly lighted dugouts. Lumber was hauled from Gainesville by A. J. Byars and Lon Byars, his son, without cost to the school.

The building was 20 by 24 feet a decided improvement over the other places where schools had been taught. This structure was situated on the south corner of section 8, block 12, H. & T. C., and afterwards was moved down below the Ladd place in that neighborhood. It is now doing duty as a barn on Mrs. Wheeler Landy's farm.

Nigh An Early Teacher.

J. H. Nigh was one of the first teachers at this little new building, and is conceded to be one of the best instructors that ever lived in this county. He was an old white haired man at that time, and wore a long white beard.

In 1884 Mr. Nigh taught at this place and one of the scholars that attended that school says that in three month's this teacher took him through Davie's arithmetic. Previous to this time, the youth had had but two months schooling.

"Daddy" Nigh also taught at Vernon and Doans, and had the same reputation at both places. "He didn't merely hear our lessons, he taught us" said one of his scholars.

Named For Assessor.

The next school building was erected on the W. S. Bourland farm and was still known as the Dawson Valley school house, named for the first tax assessor of Wilbarger county. It is used as a tenant house now since the consolidation of the district.

A few years ago, the district of Dawson Valley and the school at East View decided to consolidate and erect the new brick school house they now use. They named this school Bourland Consolidated, and it is situated on the [illegible] Lewis farm, not far from the [illegible] to-Gulf Highway.

Is Modern Building.

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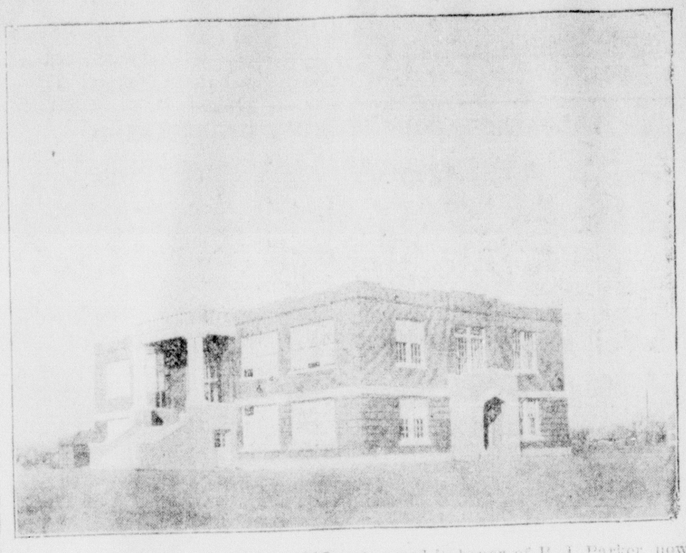
PARKER SCHOOL IN NORTH VERNON COST $16,000



This building was erected in 1917 and named in honor of B. J. Parker, now deceased, once chairman of the school board here. Until the time of the building of this school the children in that part of the city had no school facilities nearer than the Central School building in Southeast Vernon.

GLORY OF DOANS LAY IN DELIGHTS FURNISHED COWMEN

Yells of Indians on War Path Once Reverberated Through Now Peaceful Village—J. Doan Establishes Trading Post In 1878—Thousands of Cattle Pass Through on Old Trail.

Doans—noted once for its glory as a cowman's town—was a place to get the last trail and ranch supplies on the famous Dodge City trail—liquid and dry. In it's late days it has become a peaceful farming community.

The hills no more reverberate to the yells of the Kiowa and Comanche on the war path, nor to the shots of six shooters in the hands of playful cow boys.

Abounds In History.

More local history is packed into this little place than could be told of many larger places of the west.

The first settlers in this county with hope in their hearts and lean purses in their pockets took up the "white man's burden" at this particular place. J. Doan established a trading post with buffalo hunters here in the spring of 1878, though prior to this he had establishments on Buck creek and Wanderers creek farther west.

More Residents Arrive.

In the fall of 1878, to be exact, October 10, the Judge's daughters, Misses Eva and Emma Doan and his nephew C. F. Doan and wife and daughter, Bertha, came to swell the numbers at the new settlement. The journey was made by wagon from Sherman, the terminus of the railroad at that time. Mail was brought to them by the same conveyance from Henrietta.

Their dwelling place was a picket house, with dirt roof and floor and the modern conveniences of that period. The store occupied one side of this structure.

Adobe Built In '81.

Later two log houses were built and then the present residence of C. F. Doan, the adobe, was built in 1881. An adobe store was built about that time also, but has vanished in the dust of years.

This being the terminus of the Texas part of the trail and nearby the "jumping off place" of civilization, the store at this place supplied the cowmen with wearing apparel and groceries enough to do them on their long track northward. Hundreds of thousands of cattle passed along this point on their slow march to the railroad.

Guard Against Thieves.

A hide and animal inspector was stationed here for the protection of bonifide cowmen against thieves. J. K. Payne was the first "trail cutter" in the county. The first Postoffice in the county with C. F. Doan as postmaster was established here.

The first preacher, a circuit rider Rev. J. T. Hosmer, held the first service at this place in 1880. The first quarterly conference in this part of the West was held under a spreading elm tree, now the property of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Eatmon.

First Picnic In '84.

In May, 1884, the first May picnic was held at this place by C. F. Doan and five others on the same spot where it has been held continuously since that time. Mr. Doan has never missed one of these annual social affairs since they started.

The first school was held at this this place in the fall of 1884, in a log house just west of the "Dobe." It was presided over by Prof. J. H. Nigh, and ten scholars attended.

One Store Supplies Wants.

One store, owned and managed by R. L. Blackwood, now supplies trade with groceries and gasoline. The Odd Fellow Hall is over the store where the Sabongida and Rebekah branches of I.O.O.F. meet. L. C. Moore and Mrs. Lena Wilson are the Noble Grands of the respective lodges.

The Hamilton estate, consisting of nearly three sections of land, was settled in 1886 by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hamilton and large family from Grayson county. Mr. Hamilton died in January of this year but three of the sons live near this place; T. A., L. G., and Claude. Mrs. Hamilton lives in Odell and two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Pettit and Mrs. J. B. Ross live in Vernon.

Uncle Johnny Arrives In 1880.

One of the first commissioners, Uncle Johnny Miller and family, came to this place in 1880. Last year Mr. Miller died but his widow still lives on the old home place. J. M. Miller, a son, and the first child born in the county, assisted by big wife and family, tills the soil of the farm on which he was born.

The famous council grounds of the Indians are situated one-half mile from Doans on the farm of J. S. Rowland and on the head of the beautiful little stream that bears the name of the town. Indians came to this place from the reservation to start on their raids into the border counties, and returned to this point to divide the spoils and torture their captives.

Watts Came In '92.

In 1892, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Watts and children came from Indianna to their lands north of Doans. Mr. Watts died two years ago but Mrs. Rena Watts and two sons still retains their 3,000 acre farm and ranch here. Mrs. Watts and son Clyde live in Vernon and the other son, Roy, his wife and child are residing on their farm in this community.

Some well-known farmers of the community are Frank Wilson, J. C. Wilson, R. A. Eatmon, A. H. Seidlits, C. H. Thompson, H. C. Briscoe, D. W. May, P. M. Emmitt, Roy and R. E. Owen, Roy Watts, J. R. Harrison, J. A. Ammons, F. E. Shaw, L. G. Hamilton, C. P. Hamilton, C. F. Doan, A. J. Ammons, S. M. Cannon and T. J. Lewis.

OKLAUNION SCHOOL CONSIDERED ONE OF COUNTY'S BEST

Was First in Wilbarger to Receive Recognition For State Classification — Establishes New Branches Continually—Community Contemplates A New Building.

For the past few years the school at Oklaunion has been considered one of the best in Wilbarger county. One of the foremost reasons for its high standard of efficiency is the splendid community spirit that is behind the school at all times. Although it is not as large in number of scholastics and the amount of taxable property as such school districts as Harrold and Odell, it has nevertheless set the pace for community and school development for the other schools of the county.

For example, the Oklaunion school was the first county school to receive recognition from the State Department of Education for state classification. During the past two years it has made decided progress along many lines. Among the things that furthered this advancement were a larger teaching force, adequate equipment, more complete library for all grades, a more rigid system of promotion, and a standard thorough course of study.

Is Fully Recognized

Last but not least, there is a spirit of cooperative citizenship in the community. Because of this standard of efficiency, the school has been given all the recognition desired at the hands of the State Department of Education. Full credit is given our graduates and undergraduates in other schools where they are not attending. Course of study in the high school includes history, English, mathematics, science, vocational agriculture, Spanish, music and public speaking.

There are eight teachers connected with the school, seven of whom are on full time and one part time. The following teachers compose the faculty: W. M. Gourley, superintendent; C. C. White, principal; Miss Mabel Griffith, Mrs. J. T. Gossett, Mrs. C. C. White, Miss Exa Saylors, Miss Ethel Carter, and Miss Geraldine Parker. All of the above teachers have had special training in the subjects and departments in which they are teaching, and are teachers of experience also.

Favorably Impressed

Recently a representative from the State Superintendent's office visited the school and made a very favorable report to the State Superintendent concerning the type of instruction offered in this school and the manner in which each teacher was performing his or her duty.

The school board is composed of the following: R. J. Byars, president; Clay Brite, secretary; Rex Boyd, J. F. Stark, I. W. Skinner, L. H. Creager, M. H. Brite. These men all have a deep interest in the welfare of the school and are constantly planning for its betterment. Plans are already under way to build a new $15,000 school building, modern in every respect, for the high school department. The present building, a brick structure, is in first class

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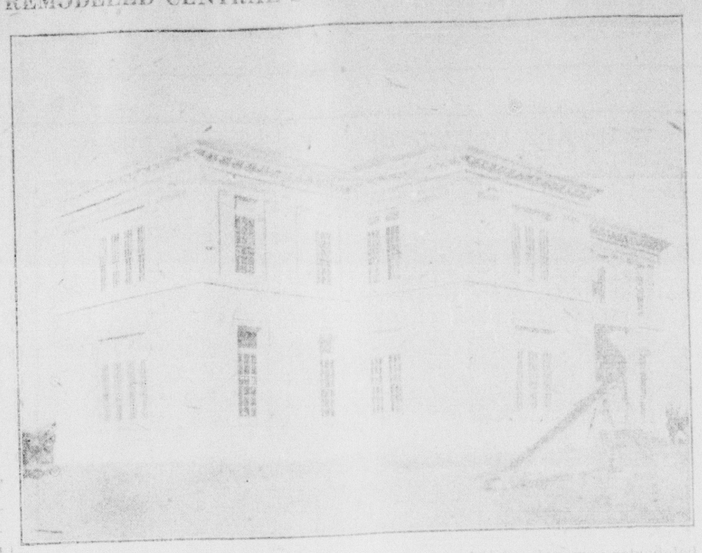

Vernon's first prevailious school building, once a drab color, was remodeled several years ago. The house is located in the southeast part of the city and is good for several more years, as the above cut shows.

condition, but is not large enough [illegible] The school has an athletic club to accommodate all the pupils adequately, need to secure ends, a parent-teachers was installed and many other improvements such, school entertainments are given ments have been made this year. [illegible]

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS
We take this occasion to extend to our Friends and Customers Greetings for 1922. May the New Year bring to Vernon and Wilbarger county Peace, Prosperity and Happiness.
Remember the Big Poultry Show to be held in Vernon January 13 and 14, 1922.
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FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL IN COUNTY AT DAWSON VALLEY

Home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Boger Utilized for Service—Court House In Vernon Scene of Early Church Meetings—Review of Local Congregations and Development.

The first Sunday School in the county was organized at Dawson Valley in 1881. Mr. Golden was superintendent and Wiley Johnson secretary. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Boger threw open their home for the services. Although children were scarce in number at that time, thirty men, women and children were enrolled.

Mrs. Boger is a resident of Vernon at this time.

Here Year Later.

Vernon's first Sunday School was organized a year later than the one at Dawson Valley. All the denominations met at the little school house for worship at that time.

J. T. Lahue, now dead, was the superintendent. Mrs. L. P. Bonner is a daughter of this man, and has made this city her home for years.

As crowds grew larger and more interest was manifested, church services and Sunday School was held in the court house, on the site of the Farmers State Bank.

Methodist First.

Methodists were the pioneers in building up a church congregation. Rev. J. T. Hosmer filled his monthly appointment at the Boger home the year the first Sunday School was organized. He also preached at Vernon and Doans.

In May 1881, he organized a church with five members: J. A. Crenger now living at Oklahoma, his wife, their two children, Alice and Will, and nephew, Gid Bryant made up the total of the little organization at Vernon. The first building erected by the Methodist was not finished until six years after the congregation had been organized.

Had Church Wedding.

Before the church was finished, Miss Hattie Farrell decided she wanted a real church wedding, so the keys were borrowed from the architect and she and J. L. Swartwood were married there. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers from Mr. Swartwood's home town, Marshal.

Mr. and Mrs. Swartwood are still citizens of Vernon and reside on West Texas street on the site of the home they built in their honeymoon days.

R. C. Johnson, father of Mrs. C. J. Farrell, and now living at Ada, Oklahoma, was the first superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School at this place. Hon. S. P. Hoff, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Amarillo, W. R. Townsend, ex-secretary of State and Judge Walker Hall of the Court of Appeals, Amarillo, were former superintendents and teachers at this church.

Started In Wilbarger.

Rev. Sam R. Hay, John Barens and other lesser lights in the way of ministers caught some of their inspiration from the sun baked prairies of old Wilbarger. They preached to crowds of saints and sinners in this old frame building.

The Baptist congregation was organized in 1883 and worshiped with the other denominations in the court house. In 1889 a building was erected on the site of the Christian parsonage on the corner of Mesquite, just south of Wilbarger. Later this house was sold to the Christian church members who held services here until the new church was completed on Wilbarger street. May 25, 1913, the present handsome edifice was dedicated by Elder J. N. McCash of Cincinnati, Ohio.

New Baptist Church.

The Baptist congregation, after the sale of their property to the Christian denomination, erected the fine brick structure on South Main. James Gilliland was the first Sunday School superintendent of this denomination. Rev. George Truitt, J. Frank Norris and other celebrated divines of the church have held meetings here.

The two branches of the Christian church, in early days were united in worship and congregation. Rev. Sam C. Fender of Harrold was the first pastor to preach for the local congregation. Elder Peter Smith, now dead, was another pioneer preacher of that faith.

In 1896 Miss Ellen Bitter, sister of Mrs. J. B. Pendleton, with Mrs. J. F. Collins as her able assistant, revived the Bible school which had languished for lack of support. Mrs. Pendleton and Mrs. Collins are the oldest in the point of membership of the Central Church congregation.

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The townsite of Odell was donated by [illegible] citizens of that place [illegible] the Fort Worth & Denver railroad. Twenty-five acres were also purchased by the citizens at one half [illegible] and added to the acres [illegible] and the other [illegible] smaller tracts to this movement. In 1908 the railroad made Odell a station.

Pioneers In Business.

Mr. Stults, the first man on the ground, has lived to see many firms start in business here. The first gin was owned and operated by W. W. Gilbert. Grocery stores were run by M. A. Smith, and J. R. Hule besides several others. J. P. Nave was the first hotel keeper. H. M. Tarlton was the first druggist in Odell and was followed soon by Dr. A. C. Daniels and B. A. Harriss, who also practiced medicine. The Big Joe Lumber Company arrived in time to help the boom along; but in 1912 sold out to a rival firm, the Odell Lumber Company. This firm still does business at the same old stand with Horace Turner as manager.

B. D. Smith was the first hardware merchant in Odell; White and Crain sold coal and feed. Mr. Crain is in the grocery business now. Whitt Mathews sold furniture and also was public weigher. James Leak, now of Vernon, had the first garage.

Newspaper At Odell.

A newspaper flourished at Odell for several years. C. P. Ross was owner and manager of the Odell Reporter. Mr. Ross discontinued the paper, however, and in 1918 went to Vernon where he is one of the owners of The Vernon Times.

The Bank of Odell, a private banking business, was instituted January 1, 1909 with W. T. Collins as president and Will Starr as cashier.

At that time the bank was one door east of the C. W. Stults store. One night in November, 1911, this bank was robbed between the hours of mid-night and morning. The safe was blown, supposedly with nitrogiycerine, and three thousand dollars were taken.

Sliced Table Legs.

In blowing the safe open, the door to the vault sliced the legs from the desk table that stood nearby, so neatly that it was afterwards repaired and is in use today in the same bank.

One man, who slept over a building on the opposite side of the street, became aroused at the noise of the explosion and lighted a lamp. The look out man, who stood in the street below, told him to blow out the light and get back in bed or suffer his head blown off. The man promptly obeyed orders and crawled back into the covers. Here he remained until daylight before he notified Mr. Collins that his bank had been robbed.

Kill Constable.

A few days later, Charley Holloway a constable of the town, while searching for the bank robbers, followed two suspicious individuals to the bank of Red river near Doans. On ordering the men to halt one of the youths fired and kiled Mr. Holloway and badly wounded his companion, a man by the name of Doyle.

Mr. Doyle managed to make his escape in a buggy, and quickly notified the officers. A possee was organized and searched all night for the murderers. Next morning a telephone message was received from Frederick announcing their surrender to the officers there. These men were tried in Vernon. One confessed to firing the shots that killed Mr. Holloway and he was sentenced for one year in the penitentiary and the other came clear.

Feeling Run High.

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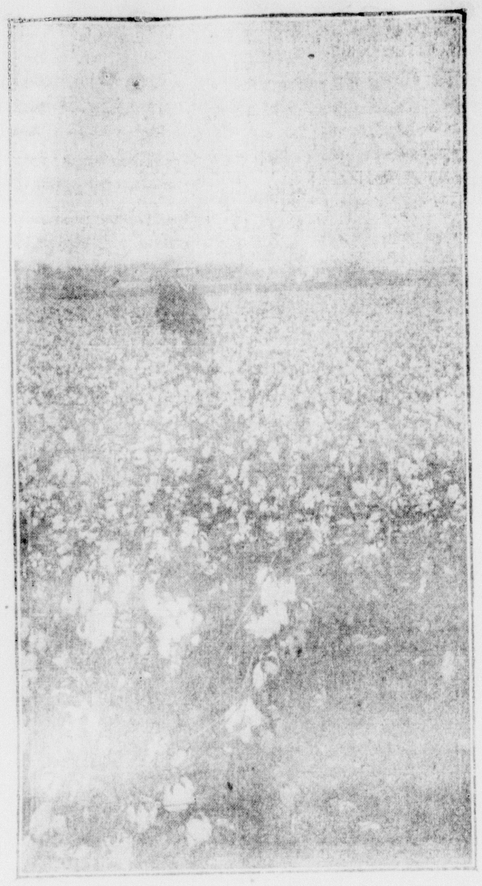
HERE'S A SAMPLE OF WHAT WILBARGER GROWS



A field of cotton in bloom. In the fall he county is covered with these fluffy bolls. The crop this year, despite reduced acreage, will total 24,000 bales.

widow lives in Odell. Mr. Coffey is residing in Dallas.

This bank was organized with $10,000 capital. The deposits becoming so heavy it was required by the state laws to raise its capital to $15,000. J. M. White is president now and Will Starr and Hardin Ross are the cashier and assistant.

Mayfield First Teacher.

Tom Mayfield was the first school teacher, in Odell and was followed soon by J. R. Hule a merchant now in the town. A handsome brick school house costing $10,000 was erected several years ago and was destroyed by fire in February, 1921. On the site of the burned structure the tax payers of Odell have erected an $18,000 building with six rooms and an auditorium which is used as a community hall by the town. The building completed, seats and furnishings, brings the cost of the house to $22,000. The following teachers compose the faculty: Principal, T. E. Pearce, Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Misses Elizabeth Blackerly, Rose Hlavity, Georgia Chapman and Mrs. R. D. Thompson.

Have Three Churches.

Three churches have congregations in Odell. The Methodists with Rev. J. Graydon as pastor the Baptists, with Rev. T. D. Pearson in charge, and the Primitive Baptists with Rev. Edwards occupy churches in the east part of the town.

Some of the farmers living in and near Odell are: J. R. Ross, R. T. Dooley, Joe Crownover, Joe Collins, George Buey, Newt Buey, C. D. Shelton, Chas. Kester, C. G. Thompson, ex-commissioner P. H. Bingham, C. E. Sears, Chas. Neal, T. A. Hamilton, J. G. Ayres, B. C. Carter, and I. M. Fulcher.

Big Blaze In July.

July 2 of this year the greatest fire in Odell's history occurred when the Masonic temple and Odd Fellows' hall were burned. The fire was supposed to be of incendiary origin. Contents of both building were destroyed.

The Masons have since that time purchased a brick building and added a story above and are at work again. The Eastern Star also meets in this building with Mrs. Ada Shelton as Worthy Matron. P. L. Hart is Worshipful Master of the Blue Lodge.

Peace officers of the town are P. L. Hart, justice of the Peace, and Charley Pollard, constable. Mr. Hart is also in the insurance business.

ERECTED FIRST ODELL BUILDING

SUNFLOWER GREW HIGHER THAN C. W. STULTS' STORE PORCH

Realizing the importance of being first on the ground in any enterprise, C. W. Stults erected the first building on the townsite of the new town Odell and moved in September 9, 1908. Mrs. Stults, partner and wife of the owner says that sun flowers were higher than the store porch in front of the building when the opening was held.

Two men of the neighborhood wagered each other they would be the first to buy an article from the new emporium. Emmett Archer, now of Electra, and Bud Dooley, still a resident of Odell, made the bet. Mr Dooley won and the article purchased was a sack of smoking tobacco.

Town Springs Up.

Near the first of the next month of that year a construction crew came through with a work train and the town arose like magic on the banks of Wanderers creek.

Mr. Stults, previous to that time, had been for three years engaged in business at Haulk, southeast of the new town. He was also postmaster. Upon his arrival at Odell he continued to work for Uncle Sam with his store duties. The Haulk office was discontinued at that time.

Sister Now Postmistress.

Mr. Stults served in the capacity of Postmaster for several years and at last persuaded his sister, Mrs. S. S. Farley, to take the office. She is the present post mistress, having held that position since her first appointment.

Odell's first merchant came to Wilbarger county in 1888, but did not bring his family until February, 1889. They came from Dallas county and have regided in this vicinity ever since. The family lived on and cultivated their own farm until 1905 when they went into the mercantile business at Haulk.

Has Always Helped.

Mrs. Stults has always assisted in the store since the first goods were sold and she and her husband are well known all over the western part of the county. They have two children living, Mrs. Fannie Buey, who resides in the community, and a son, L. H. Stults, living at home with his parents.

Their store is on the site of the first building in Odell and is a comodious and well arranged building.

The former store building was moved back of this present place—has been faced west, and houses the Post-office.

Mr. and Mrs. Stults own their own cozy home in northwest Odell on the site of another residence of theirs that burned several years ago.

ARMY CAPTAIN SUES "NO STOCKINGS" BRIDE

Douglas Osbon, former army captain is suing in San Francisco to divorce his Russian bride, Mrs. Marita Rosen Osborn, niece of Baron Rosen, the Russian statesman. They were married in Vladivostok last January. Among other things, Captain Osborn complains that his wife went without stockings during their residence in Manila. "A Russian custom," she explains. "My husband simply doesn't understand."

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HARROLD NAMED FOR CATTLE OUTFIT

COMMUNITY CENTERING [illegible] OF VAST TEXAS PANHANDLE

Harrold named for Eph Harrold of [illegible] first [illegible] [illegible] pur- [illegible] county. Thus says the real estate man in the Vernon Times of 1886.

He further states that Harrold is 36 miles from Wichita Falls, seven miles south of Red River on the head waters [illegible] the river [illegible].

No Fencing Allowed.

"Rich agricultural lands being fast taken up by settlers are west and out side the big pastures" says H. A. Lewis. "Purchasers are limited to one section; the acquisition of large tracts of lands and fencing of large pastures is prevented."

Harrold at that time was a shipping point and controlled the trade of the southern portion of Indian territory, and the vast Panhandle of Texas which, at that period of it's growth was increasing in population and wealth more rapidly than any other section of the country. Harrold was the receiving and shipping point for government supplies for Fort Sill and Fort Elliott. In 1885 there was shipped from this point, then the terminus of the Denver, 40,000 head of beef cattle and there was received from the south 150 000 head of stock cattle. No figures are available for 1886 on cattle received and shipped, but they must have doubled.

But when the railroad, after a short stay of one year in this little city, started on toward Denver and reached the county seat, Vernon, Harrold began to dwindle in population. Some houses were moved to Vernon and stocks of goods were shipped to the various other towns beginning to spring up along the right of way of the new railroad.

Life More Commonplace.

In a very few months the glory of the old west had departed and Harrold began to put on her working garb and start to work in earnest. A totally different set of people settled down in and around Harrold and made it what the community is today. The real estate agent of the early day did not exaggerate the possibilities of the soil of this particular community for some of the best land found in the west lies around its door. Agriculturally it ranks with any community in the Panhandle. Excellent wheat lands and row crops of corn and cotton swell the coffers of its influential citizens.

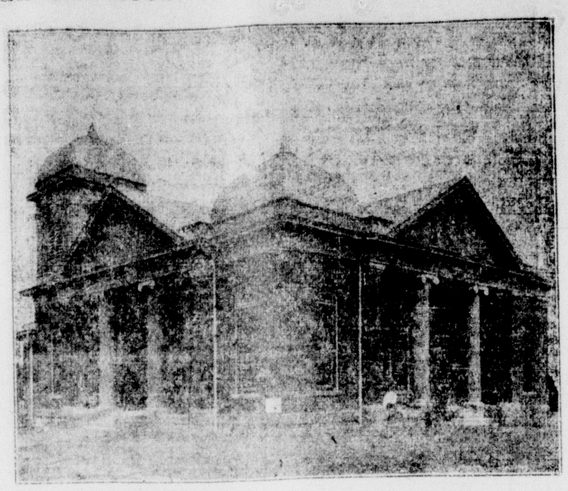
Could land agents have peered a little farther into the future, they would have found Harrold near oil wells, at that time unknown in the Panhandle. South of the town and in Wilbarger county are the largest producing wells in the Electra field.

Piper Finds Fortune.

W. R. Piper who lived from boyhood around Harrold, attending schools and farming its soils, came into his fortune when a section of his land became one of the best known tracts in the west by reason of its flow of the black liquid that turns into golden dollars. Mr. Piper now lives in Dallas.

Other men of that community have profited by the finding of oil on the land around Harrold. Men, they are, who are glad that when the dry years came "they hung on by the eyelids."

BAPTIST HOUSE OF WORSHIP ON MAIN STREET



The Baptist congregation is steadily out growing this handsome and commodious structure. In connection with this building is an annex where the Sunday school holds services and where other church meetings are held. Rev. W. T. Rouse is pastor.

Buy Shamburger's Coal

This is our Suggestion for a New Year Resolution. When you act on it, you may be sure that you have the BEST FUEL available.

And bear in mind the Poultry Show in Vernon, January 13 and 14, 1922.

C. D. Shamburger, Lumber

Phone 130

A BUSINESS DECISION For 1922

Determine now that 1922 shall bring you a minimum of banking troubles and a MAXIMUM of BANKING SERVICE.

To allign yourself with this Bank is to give that decision full force and effect.

We BELIEVE in VERNON and WILBARGER COUNTY and are always glad to extend to the citizens every courtesy consistent with SOUND BANKING principles.

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L. K. Johnson Vice-President
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COLLINS BUILDS FORTUNE AT ODELL

CAME TO SECTION WITH NO CAPITAL AND SUCCESS COMES SLOWLY

No consideration of Wilbarger resources in point of inanimate and animate features can be complete without mention of W. T. Collins, pioneer banker, farmer and capitalist. Living at Odell, he is equally well-known in all parts of the county, and is universally conceded to be "one of Wilbarger's finest."

With only a pitiful capital, this doughty adventurer came to Wilbarger county in 1889 from Arlington, in Tarrant county. Three hundred dollars constituted his worldly possessions, and he borrowed as much more from his father and paid for a 200 acre farm at three dollars an acre.

Accumulates Large Holdings.

Today Mr. Collins can look upon 2,250 acres which he acquired during the interval between that time and the present. Some of it is easily the best land in this section, and is divided between the children of the pioneer.

"When I came here," says Mr. Collins laughingly, "I thought I would keep $200 aside with which to dig a well, buy a house, and construct a fence. I did all my own work."

Prosperity Apparent.

Success came gradually, and at times seemed entirely wiped away. In 1889 Mr. Collins sowed fifty acres of wheat and harvested twenty bushels to the acre. In '90 and '91 he gained good crops as well. Prices were above normal, and times appeared prosperous.

Then—in '92, '93, '94 came drouths, and his small capital was swept away. In the fall of 1896 there was not even seed wheat to be had, and despair lurked in the heart of every farmer.

Not to be daunted, Mr. Collins prepared 150 acres of land for wheat, trusting that in some manner the needed seed would be forthcoming. The guardian farmer angel thereupon sent the railroad company to the section with a shipment of grain which it sold on credit, and the day was saved. That year the crop made twenty bushels to the acre and brought one dollar a bushel.

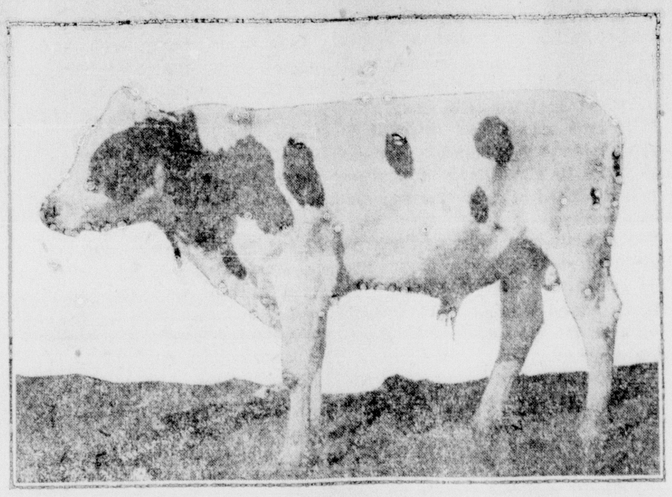
Came On Emigrant Car.

Mr. Collins came to this section with a wife and three children, and made the trip on an emigrant car. All of his worldly goods he shipped with him. Mrs. Collins, true, conscientious, and loving mother, was his constant helpmate at all times.

The man who came to Wilbarger penniless has since become a stockholder in other county enterprises. He was one of the instigators of the Odell bank, and is today its president. Charter members of the institution are L. G. Hawkins, T. H. Shive, B. J. Parker, W. O. Anderson, F. Moffet, and Robert Houssels.

Mr. Collins today is active as ever, and takes a keen interest in his banking afairs. He has retired from intensive farm life, but is closely associated with his boys in all their work.

A WILBARGER HOLSTEIN PRIZE WINNER



Taste for registered stock is becoming gradually cultivated in this county. Many farmers take an exceeding amount of pride in their blooded animals.

SWARTWOOD STARTS COUNTY POULTRY

LOCAL MERCHANT DISPLAYED STANDARD BRED FOWLS BEFORE STORE

Four years ago before the rank and file of chicken fanciers began to realize the money to be made in thoroughbred poultry, J. L. Swartwood sent away for fowls of nearly all standard breeds and sold them in front of his place of business at actual cost and carriage. Persons would stop and admire the different breeds and a book agent "had nothing" on Mr. Swartwood for salesmanship and talking arguments he advanced about bred-to-lay poultry.

Always an enthusiast along these lines, it did not take Mr. Swartwood long to convince the public that scrub hens would not pay, and that they needed to build up their flocks by pedigreed stuff. The outcome of it all is that on nearly every farm, in the county at least a small flock of good poultry is cackling and crowing.

For even if all did not hear the sound of Mr. Swartwood's voice, they emulated their neighbors who did and like other good things, they profited by the example of others.

SHERIFFS OWNED STOUT HEARTS THEN

LAW ENFORCERS DEALT WITH FAST SHOOTING MEN IN FORMER DAYS

In 1889, the forty-sixth Judicial District was created with nine counties including Greer county, Oklahoma, then thought a part of Texas. The late Judge G. A. Brown presided over this district for many years. He was succeeded by Hon. S. P. Huff, who is now chief justice of the court of appeals at Amarillo. J. A. Nabers, present magistrate, followed Judge Huff, in office.

Only one sheriff of Wilbarger died with "his boots on," although several had narrow escapes. Uel Music, the first sheriff, was killed in Sullivan's Saloon in Vernon in 1885.

Died As Peace Maker.

He was serving as peace maker and stepped between George Cranmer and John Davidson. Cranmer fired at Davidson and that bullet ended Music's life. Cranmer declared he did it accidentally. Music replied, "It is a costly accident for me, I am passing out." He died as he uttered those words.

Cranmer was afterwards killed at Harrold by rangers and is buried at Doans.

Tom Stewart was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Music. He was later killed by rangers near Graham.

County Has Two Sheriffs.

During the time of the Vigilantes committee, Wilbarger had two sheriffs, A. T. Boger and Race Chowning. Barker was another peace officer of the early days, and when his deputy, J. T. Conn, cast his sombrero into the ring, politics became as heated as a Bailey-Neff campaign.

Conn was elected. R. P. (Dick) Sanders was sheriff at the time that "Red Buck," Joe Beckham and the "Kid" roamed the countryside.

J. T. Williams, now dead, who had been a deputy for years followed Mr. Sanders as sheriff and held that office for twelve years. He was never defeated. J. D. Key, present city marshal, succeeded Mr. Williams.

Ish Fills Vacancy.

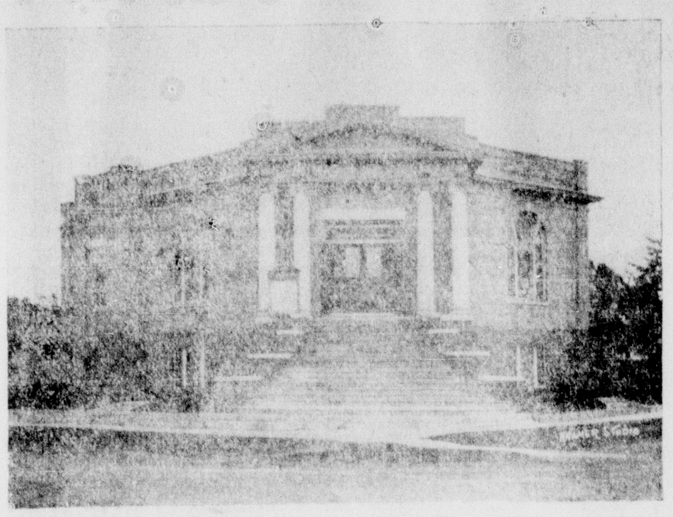
Upon his resignation, W. A. Ish was appointed to fill out the term. He was afterwards elected to this office Mr. Ish is also a pioneer peace officer of Wilbarger county and has had many thrilling experiences both as a deputy and sheriff.

Record classified ads bring results.

Patronize Our Advertisers

They are all boosters and deserve your business.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON WILBARGER STREET



This church was dedicated eight years ago. The church has a membership of three hundred. Gus Ramage is the present pastor.

An easy way to examine the inside of a casing for a weak spot is to place a block of wood between the beads so that it will stretch the tire open. The wood keeps open the part under inspection.

Keep a few old newspapers in one of your car pockets. They will help you to get out of a mud hole some day. They afford a good traction for the wheels, when placed underneath them in the mud.

NEW YEAR GREETING

To my Friends and Customers I extend New Year Greetings and solicit a CONTINUANCE OF YOUR PATRONAGE for 1922.

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Go anywhere at any time. Prices reasonable.

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We Believe in Wilbarger

—Our PRIDE is Harrold—with its school UNRIVALED by any other community in the West—its SUPERIOR CITIZENSHIP and FERTILE LANDS. We have an abiding faith too, in all of Wilbarger County—as the best Agriculturally and from the standpoint of Citizenship in ALL TEXAS.

We take this occasion to extend New Year Greetings to our Friends and Customers for 1922, and offer our Services in any capacity available.

The First State Bank

S. H. FIELDS, President.
CARL MORRIS, Vice-President
OTIS LUTTRELL, Cashier.

HARROLD, TEXAS

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VERNON, TEXAS

January 1, 1922.

Dear Sir:

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

We have RESOLVED, that, beginning with the New Year, we will discontinue our policy of marketing our Circle 'S' Flour and Meal exclusively thru the grocery merchants, and will, instead, put into operation a new policy which we choose to call the CONSUMER'S WHOLESALE SYSTEM.

By CONSUMER'S WHOLESALE SYSTEM we mean simply that we will hereafter distribute our Circle 'S' Flour and Meal direct to the consumer on a cash, barter, trade or exchange basis, by the following methods:

1. We will sell these products (one sack or more) direct to the consumer, at the wholesale prices, with free delivery inside of city limits.

2. We will barter, trade or exchange our Circle 'S' Flour and Meal, in any quantity from one sack up, to the consumer, at the wholesale prices, for his wheat, corn, oats, maize, hay or any other farm products that we can use, at the market prices.

3. We will grind corn, oats, maize, etc., for cash or for toll.

By either of these methods the consumer will save at least the retailers' profit on his flour and meal requirements.

And now, may we say a few words about our Circle 'S' Flour and Circle 'S' Meal.

We make Circle 'S' Flour from the best, selected, thoroughly scoured and cleaned native grown wheat, on a Midget-Marvel Mill—a new, perfectly sanitary, short system process whereby we produce a pure, white, wholesome, high grade flour, just as Nature intended the flour you use should be. This flour is not "killed" in the milling process, as is often done with other mills, but contains all of the health-giving qualities and nature-flavor of the wheat berry. It is the ideal flour for biscuits as well as for light bread, cakes and pastries. We guarantee our Circle 'S' Flour to be unexcelled for any purpose for which good flour is used. Try it on our guarantee.

Our Circle 'S' Meal is ground from only selected white corn, after thorough scouring and cleaning, and there is none better. Guaranteed fresh and sweet.

We also handle coal, grain and feed.

Won't you RESOLVE to trade with us this year?

We need your business; you need our service and satisfaction.

THANK YOU

SEWELL GRAIN & FUEL COMP[ANY]

Vernon, Texas

North Main St. and Denver Tracks.

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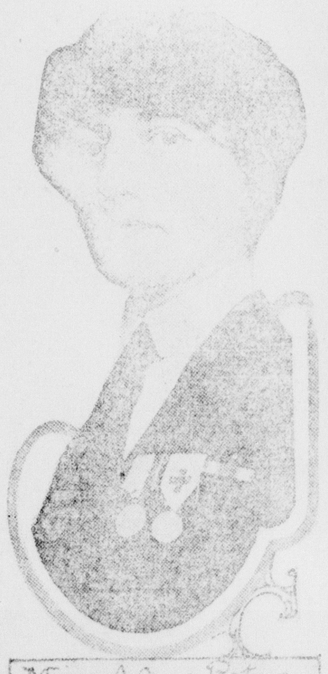

Miss Agnes Peter

Miss Agnes Peter is back home in Washington. She is the first American woman to be granted the silver medal of hoor given by the French Government to foreigners for distinguished service, having been the director of the Foyer du Soldat, which is similar to our own Y. M. C. A. Miss Peter served wth the Army of Occupaton in the Rhineland, later with the "Y" in Poland, Austria and Czecho-Slovakia, and on her way home visited England, where she saw the survivors of the Z-R 2which crashed in Hull. Now she is on a tour of the Girls' Schools of this country, telling them of the needs of fellow students in Europe, explaining their desperate plight, because of Government subsidies and the exchange situation, and she is raising funds to help provide for them.

COURT HOUSE IN OLDEN DAYS WAS COMMUNITY CENTER

Season's Social Events Conducted Within Domain of Law's Majesty—Arrival of Railroad Celebrated In Structure—City Marshal Falls From Third Floor and Is Killed.

Vernon has had three court houses since Wilbarger has been a county. The first one was situated about where the Bailey Hotel now stands, and was a small dwelling house.

This structure burned down and most of the early records of Wilbarger were lost. Luck was with the officials however, for Birchfield and Stephens Brothers had just compiled a record of the county for their new abstract business. So the most important papers were saved.

On Corner of Square.

The second court house was erected on the site of the Farmers State Bank and was a commodius structure. It looked a little like the Commercial hotel and was considered a very fine piece of architecture. Lumber was purchased from Mayfield and Company.

At this place the elite of the city danced good old fashioned quadrilles or romped through the military schottische and polkas.

Dance At Court House.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Rowland announced their marriage at Mr. Byars', in written invitation about that time and in a foot note at the bottom of the page there is: "Dance at court house after the ceremony. July 11, 1883.

In 1886, the present temple of Justice was erected by Strain Risley and Swinburne from bricks made near the home of W. M. McCaleb on Paradise creek. The Vernon Guard announces the erection of the jail and then launches out in a description of the New Court House. "The structure is to be completed this year" says B. Wilson Edgell. "It is to be of brick, three stories high, is to be in the middle of the public square and have four grand entrances—one from each side of the square."

Was Community Center.

After the completion of this handsome brick building, it became the community house of the town and county. Here the grand ball announcing the arrival of the Fort Worth & Denver was held and other great occasions were celebrated.

In 1890 John Hammond, city marshal, fell or was pushed from the third floor of this building. He had gone after night to one of the rooms on this floor after some papers and was found shortly after mortally injured.

Hammond struck the lower floor with such terrible force that one knee went through the plank floor. The funeral procession that followed him out to East View was the largest up to that time that had ever formed here.

Fake Clock Faces.

When the court house was first erected, it had a large tower upon it and imitation clock faces on all four sides. One could climb up by means of a ladder and gaze all over Wilbarger county. Some one said that the reason the clock faces were removed was because of the fact so many people set their watches by these false time pieces. But the facts are that the tower acted as a kind of funnel and wind and rain came down into the building.

BESS BURKE ORMSBY, A PRIZE WINNER

Just another reason why Wilbarger is coming to the fore as a cattle-raising country.

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MENT STATION ESTABSHED IN LOCALITY IN 1879

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non, was given because of the fact that bald eagle had been killed on the flat where the little village was to stand.

At Main And Wilbarger.

The first postoffice in Vernon was located in the store of Wood & Company, at the corner of Wilbarger and Main street. The present brick building was erected by this firm in 1890 and is occupied by Massie-Vernon Grocery company now.

The varied assortment carried by Wood and Company, as shown by an advertisement of 1886 in the Vernon Guard, consisted of general merchandise, trail and ranch supplies, corn and oats, clothing and gents furnishing goods, boots, shoes, hats and gloves notions and ladies goods, boys' and youths' clothing, hardware, glassware, queensware, wooden ware and willow ware, threshing machines, mowers and harvesters, double shovels, grain drills, plows and cultivators, guns, pistols, cartridges, belts and scabbards.

Fruits In Season.

One advertisement is, "Fruits and vegetables kept on hand in their season." This happened before the Denver came tooting in to bring the tenderfoot and the tender fruits and vegetables from the orchards and gardens of the east.

All under one roof, one could call for mail and be supplied with everything from washtubs to weapons.

Some of the early postmasters of Vernon were: H. A. Morgan, B. M. Logan, Miss Cora Ralston, J. R. Wood Jim Creager and C. J. Farrell. J. R. Wood, Mr. Creager, and Mr. Farrell still live here.

WILBARGER SOIL MAKES HIM RICH

J. F. GREGORY MADE TRIP TO COUNTY ON BORROWED FINANCES

Ask J. F. Gregory if Dame Opportunity lurks within the boundaries of Wilbarger county. This doughty farmer, who came here thirteen years ago from Cherokee county, was "on his uppers" when he crossed the Wilbarger line, and his trip here was made on borrowed money. Today he owns 1,243 acres of the finest land in the county, and is more than independent.

Fine crops, not merely the past year, but in previous seasons have convinced him that there is a living in the soil for the man who earnestly seeks it. Of course, it has not meant sitting on the kitchen stoop when there were crops to cultivate, or loafing on the street corner in town when grain was ripe, but the success of the agriculturist has come as much through the natural productiveness of the land as through the energy expended in making it produce.

Is Abreast of Times.

Mr. Gregory does not accomplish things by halves. He is a thorough farmer, and endeavors to keep abreast with every advancement of the line he follows. It has become a profession to him, and the greater the amount of cultivation bestowed upon it, the more bountiful have been the returns.

It is worthy of mention that during the past season Mr. Gregory produced 21 1-4 bales of cotton on a sixteen acre tract. On ninety acres he made 81 bales. It was necessary to replant the sixteen acre patch in June after it had been washed out by a heavy rain.

Land is always prepared carefully ahead of time by this industrious Wilbarger farmer. Winter breaking and surface cultivating he considers essential to the welfare of his crops, and he gives minute attention to all details of farming.

Fine crops have characterized his efforts the past year. Two thousand bushels of corn and seventy-five tons of maize have gone to swell his granaries.

Now Has Eight Tenants.

Mr. Gregory has eight tenants on 320 of his good acres. These renters succeeded in producing 272 bales off the land. They are working on shares.

Mr. Gregory's first purchase consisted of 200 acres. Gradually, through his industry and the prolific soil, he acquired more and more land until he is considered one of the most prosperous of county farmers.

His land is a valley loam and sandy. All of it with the exception of 200 acres lies about six miles east of town. Mr. Gregory is proud of the fact that on his sixteen acre patch he produced a yield of cotton averaging 1.33 per cent, while what was considered a State record published recently in a paper of prominence gave to a Clarendon farmer a yield of 1.27 per cent.

Mr. Gregory is an excellent example of what grit and perseverance can accomplish. With determination to succeed he found every asset to his credit in the natural allies provided by Wilbarger soil and climate.

Posted Notice.

This is to notify the public that my place three miles northeast of Vernon is posted according to law and all persons hunting or trespassing on same will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

93 Stp ED S. SMITH.

We Appreciate Our Customers Every Day

—But at this Season it gives us added joy to wish for them the Best of the New Year.

Our laundry is equipped with the most modern machinery, our employes are experts, and our service is prompt.

You will find it Pays in Time, Comfort and Convenience to let us rid you of wash day worries. Include this in your New Year resolutions.

EMPIRE LAUNDRY

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WILBARGER COUNTY ESTABLISHED 1881

SPIRITED CONTEST AMONG COMMUNITIES TO WIN THE COURT HOUSE

Forty years ago, or to be exact, October 10, 1881, ushered in Wilbarger county. Numerically speaking Doans was the strongest candidate for the site of the county seat. Geographically, Vernon had the edge on her northern neighbor, while Harrold was third in the race for this honor.

Doans citizens shortly before this decided that the seat should be placed at Vernon because of the town's nearness to the center of the county, so a committee went to T. Windsor Robinson, on whose land the townsite was placed, and demanded that he give a certain number of town lots to the county or the county seat would be placed at Doans.

Mr. Robinson, sensing the turn of the tide, agreed to this. However, he afterwards redistricted the acreage and the county found itself in possession of lots, but no corner ones.

Pad Voting List.

On the ticket to be voted on that day, only Vernon's name appears as a candidate for the county seat. In order that the required number of names might be secured to organize the county, the list was padded with fictitious signatures and bore the names of both women and children.

The following ticket was voted on: For county judge, J. W. Drury and J. Doan. Judge Doan was elected. For sheriff: Uel Music; for county treasurer, C. F. Doan and W. A. McKinney. Mr. McKinney was elected by a majority of three votes.

Perkins County Clerk.

Three candidates ran for county and district clerk; L. Newport Perkins, George Washington Darby and W. W. Brazeal. Mr. Perkins was elected. He died in Vernon about a year ago.

Alex Dawson was elected assessor. J. (Daddy) Nigh was elected surveyor, and J. K. Payne was made hide and animal inspector. Uncle Johnny Miller was elected commissioner of precinct 3, George Probasco of precinct 2, and the other two have been forgotten. None of the commissioner aspirants appear on the ticket.

Court In Blacksmith Shop.

Wilbarger county was attached to Baylor county for judicial purposes and Judge B. F. Williams of Graham was district judge, B. F. Brin was district attorney.

The first district court was held in June, 1882 and lasted two days. The first grand jury with C. F. Doan as foreman convened in an old blacksmith shop near the Herring-Showers Hardware company.

This log shop had no windows nor doors, and was not even "chinked," so the Judge thought he should have a guard posted about the place to warn off intruders. Uel Music, the newly made sheriff marched gravely up and down before this structure. Court was in session two days, and found no bills.

MERCHANTS FEW HERE IN 1883

POPULATION OF ENTIRE COUNTY AT TIME ESTIMATED AT 500

In 1883, the population of Wilbarger county was estimated to be 500 inhabitants. And that was a liberal estimate. Merchants at that time were few in number and very scattered.

B. K. Wood & Company, Kinsey Brothers and C. F. Doan & Company had general merchandise stores in Vernon. B. K. Wood was on the corner where the Massie-Vernon grocery is now in business. This brick building was built by the late Dr. Wood. Kinsey Brothers were on Russell's corner. C. F. Doan & Company was next door to the Hahn Building. J. R. Sumner Drug Company was on the southwest corner of the square.

Dr. Johnson was the physician of the town, and P. S. Haggy the first postmaster and a dry goods merchant, was situated where the Vernon Drug Company now stands.

Saloon On Corner.

C. M. Byars grocery store was on the corner where the Wide-A-Wake is. The Herring Bank corner was occupied by C. M. Byars in the old Star Saloon. Paul Hoefle ran the occidental saloon on the site of Swartwood & Company. D. J. Sullivan conducted the same kind of business where the Hawkins Furniture store is. Mr. Braziel had a barber shop near the site of the Bailey Hotel.

Joe Schmidt was the genial hotel keeper and ran the well-known Commercial hotel just east of the White Garage.

Mr. Schmidt now lives in West Vernon. The little log jail occupied the plaza where the court house now stands.

DR. E. B. JONES
VETERINARIAN
Inter-State Inspector
Office Fergeson Drug Co.
Residence Phone 498
Office Phone 26

Wilbarger's Biggest Asset

Wilbarger County's most VALUABLE assets are its Men and Women—these, and not the acres of UNRIVALED FERTILITY, will determine Wilbarger County's Prosperity throughout the years. Making the OLD HOME ATTRACTIVE is perhaps the ONE BEST WAY to KEEP OUR BOYS and GIRLS on the FARM. That is why in EXTENDING GREETINGS for 1922, we suggest that you make a NEW YEAR RESOLUTION to Rebuild the Old Home—make it cozy, comfortable and livable—give it exterior beauty as well as interior convenience. Let's make Wilbarger county boys and girls proud of Wilbarger county—of their own homes—just as we are proud.

May we work with you? This is our New Year Wish!

Long-Bell Lumber Co.
OF TEXAS
"Quality" our Watchword; "Service" our Creed

OUR Faith in Wilbarger County Grows with the years. We believe in its fertile acres—as the most productive, year in and year out, of any in all Texas; and in its people—as the most Industrious, Progressive and Neighborly in the entire Southwest. There are reasons why we anticipate—if we all pull together—that 1922 will be a year of Peace and Prosperity.

Accept our New Year greeting, and permit us to serve you in any capacity possible during the coming year.

Herring-Showers Hardware Company
Vernon and Harrold

ODELL COMMUNITY

WATCHING THEIR FAVORITES FLASH DOWN THE HOME STRETCH

HARROLD QUALITY SURVIVES YEARS

DIMINISHED POPULATION HAS NO EFFECT ON SUBSTANTIALITY OF TOWN

Harrold, near the eastern line of Wilbarger county and about fifteen miles from Vernon, was at one time the most flourishing community in this section of the state that it was the terminus of the river railroad. The town has declined in point of numbers, but decidedly not in quality as is evinced by the business establishments, and the character of the people engaged in operating them. The First State Bank of Harrold is housed in an attractive building and is a strong institution. S. H. Fields is president, Carl Morris is vice-president, Harrell is cashier. Its business is manifested over a wide territory.

There are two elevators at Harrold, one operated by the Allen brothers.

Harrold merchants are looking optimistically toward the near future in anticipation of a betterment in financial conditions everywhere. Their trade territory extends northeast to the county line, northwest to the old Staley place, east to the county line, south to Waggoner's pasture, and west to Oklaunion. Tourist trade during June and July is an immense asset to the community. Improvements on the Colorado-to-Gulf highway have followed by junction from Harrold residents as it is a decided financial advantage for the town to be situated on a well known thoroughfare.

However, natural progressiveness is the essence of the sentiment of Harrold and the attitude of the community is based mainly on this fact.

Farms Prosper.

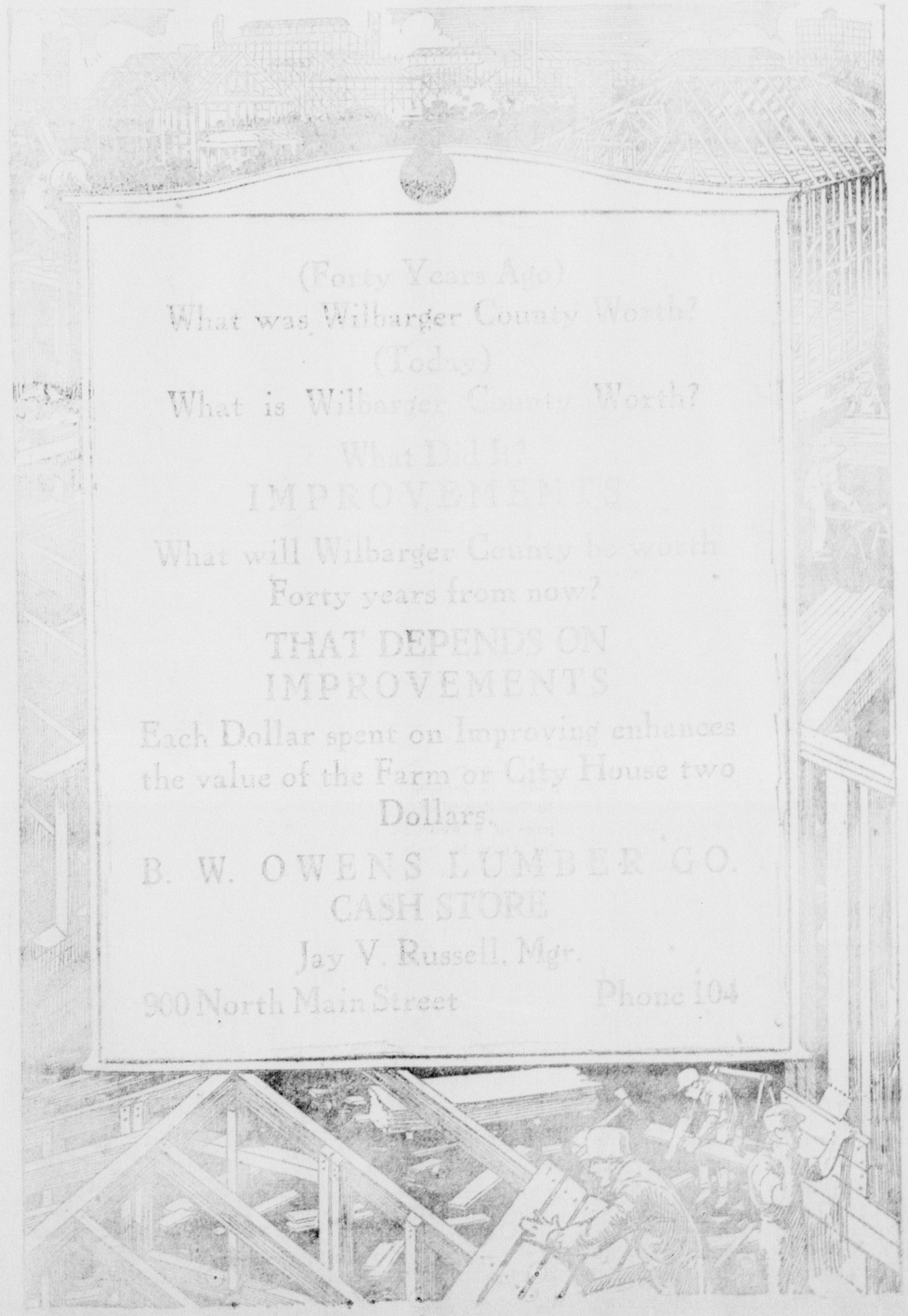
Country in the vicinity of Harrold produces good cotton but better wheat. With the opening of the gin at Harrold next year it is thought there will be a corresponding increase in the cotton crop of the locality. Farmers in the section have made good feed crops, and have enough at present to last them another year.

A severe fire last December created a heavy loss in Harrold and destroyed several of the principal buildings. It is contemplated replacing these structures in concrete, and the Harrold of tomorrow, little beyond long.

IS SURE POULTRY BRINGS PROFITS

MRS. J. T. MILLER AVE FED FAMILY ERAL Y

Mrs. J. T. Miller of the Eagle community says that she has proved beyond all doubts that poultry pays on the farm. She has a flock of about 150 laying hens of the White Leghorn variety. These industrious fowls supply her family with groceries and clothing the year through, and have done so for several years.



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GENIUS REQUIRED TO BREAK IN JAIL

ENTRANCE TO OLD COUNTY LOCK-UP WAS THROUGH TRAP DOOR IN ROOF

Vernon at one time had a most unique bastile. The edifice was of logs, without windows or doors, and was surrounded by a stockade or pickets. A trap door on the roof was the only place of ingress or egress.

If one wanted to speak to any of the occupants about going on their bond, or passing the time of day generally, he had to climb on the roof and yell down the trap door.

Kicks Way Out.

Once a wooden legged man was confined in this "gaol" and, becoming tired of the place he proceeded to find a new use for his wooden leg. He managed to kick a hole in the stockade and emerge into freedom once more.

The jail was situated just west of the present court house and was on the square. It afterwards burned down and in 1886, Strain Risley and Swinburne completed the old jail, construct-

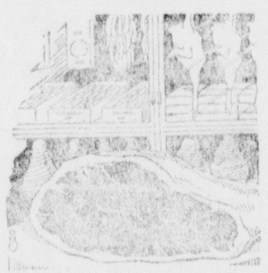
[illegible] ing in 1886. The gallows was erected on the 3rd lot and the execution was semi-private. The minister was led [illegible] platform where he made his [illegible] He protested to the last that he was innocent, but circumstantial evidence was too strong.

The present jail was erected in 1911 and is a very handsome structure. J. [illegible] Carrington is jailer.

[illegible] Well

[illegible] was in old d[illegible] [illegible] the old store. Mak[illegible] he would celebrate [illegible] seeing how many times he could shoot off a pistol.

So Joe Petersen, assisted by his [illegible] pals, started out. He [illegible] and I will tell you what to do. Pull off your [illegible] and cast your vote for me on election day for the Judge is going to put me in the wall in the morning." [illegible] Judge did.



CHOICE MEATS

—From the VERY BEST Meats to be had, we offer you the choicest cuts, at prices no more than you have paid for less quality.

—On this basis we SOLICIT YOUR PATRONAGE, and take this occasion to extend our GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Vernon Meat Market

H. S. Starr, Proprietor

On the Job Every Day

JUST A MINUTE, please sir; I want to tell you something you are possibly not thinking about. Would you buy your groceries from an order-taker who maintained his store in SOME DISTANT CITY? No, you would not, because your home town man can give you service that the order-taker could not.

JUST a Minute now—You can carry your OLD LINE Life Insurance with us and receive that close, personal touch that is so necessary in business. We are here ON THE JOB EVERY DAY in the year to answer your every need relative to Insurance, and we have plans for carrying your premiums that will surprise you.

If you are in need of old line LIFE INSURANCE for PROTECTION of your FAMILY and CREDIT, let us know who you are. We will call on you at once. If we fail to sell you on our proposition, we will THANK YOU for the opportunity and let the matter drop.

California State Life Insurance Company

E. M. Haney, District Manager

WE HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS
in Vernon
Over 27 Years

WE ARE BOOSTERS
for the Growth and Welfare
of the Town and County

CALL ON US

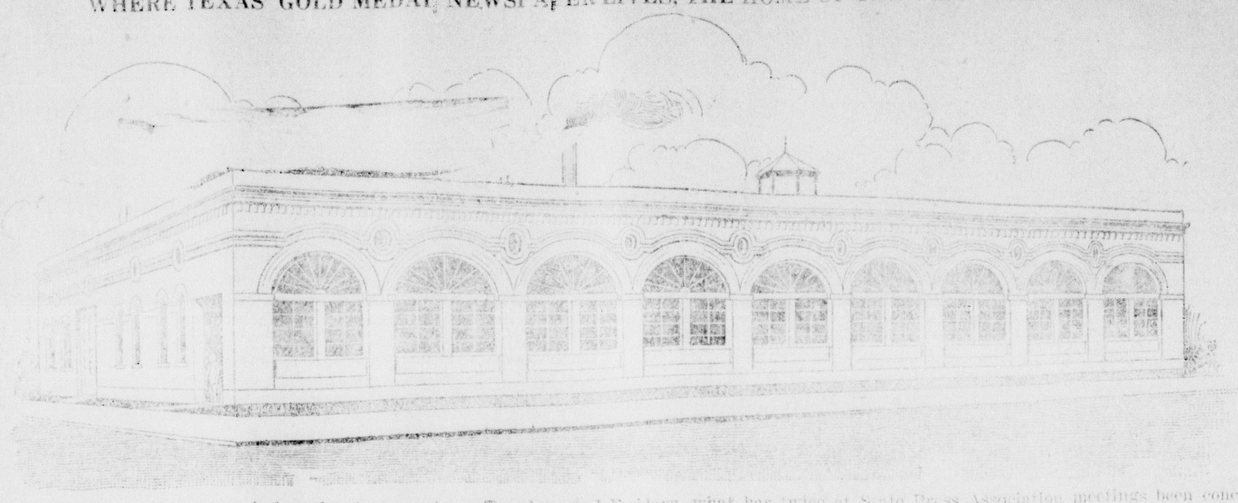
Renfro Hdw. Co.

"WE HAVE IT."

South Side Square

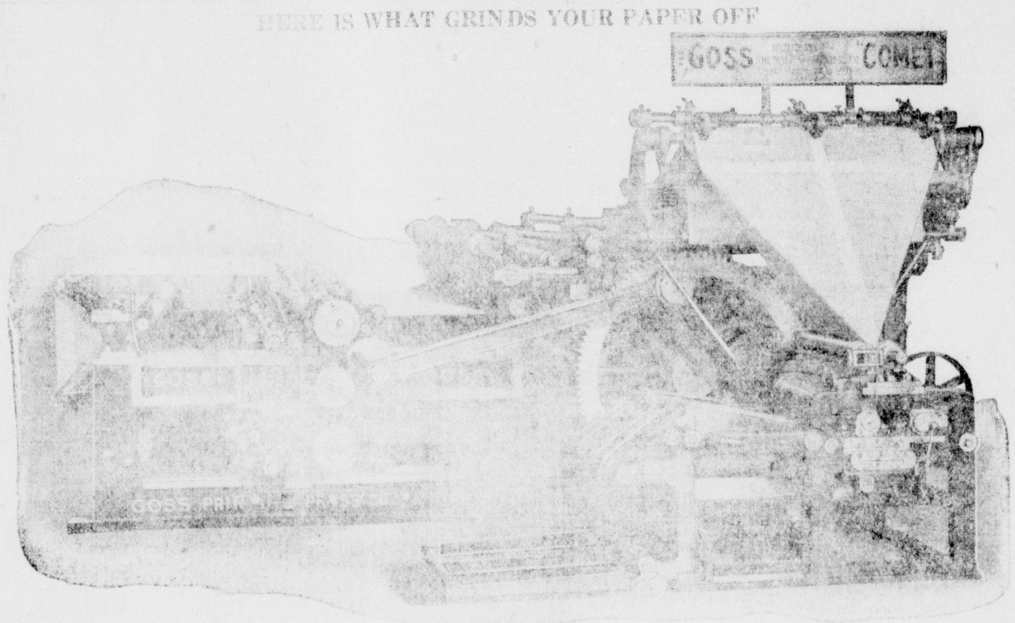
Teleph[illegible]

WHERE TEXAS' GOLD MEDAL NEWSPAPER LIVES, THE HOME OF THE VERNON RECORD



In this handsome building there is issued twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays, what has twice at State Press Association meetings been conceded the best weekly newspaper in Texas. The quarters are ample for the elaborate outlay of machinery owned by the Record. The building is light and airy, and

HERE IS WHAT GRINDS YOUR PAPER OFF



The Vernon Record is printed on the most modern type of newspaper presses manufactured. The Goss Comet was installed in October, 1917. It produces 3,500 eight page papers per hour. The Record's entire circulation is run off in less than one hour, where it would take five hours under the old system. Blank paper is fed in a roll at one end of the machine. The press is automatic in its functions and prints, folds and delivers the paper complete at one operation.

to attend to every detail of the task before him.

Mr. Baird's policy is, "Make no mistakes." When a job order must be executed with exceeding caution, Mr. Baird is called upon to read the proof.

This member of The Record force is a well-known Wilbarger resident, and makes his home in West Vernon. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, an active lodge worker, and has many friends throughout this locality.

BANKS BENNETT, COMPOSER.

Banks Bennett has been with The Vernon Record four and one-half years, but has been a resident of this locality since 1884. He came to Vernon from Altus, Okla., and has been in the printing business since 1902.

Fourteen months Mr. Bennett spent on the staff of the old "Vernon Guard," and he has been associated with a half dozen or more papers. His specialty is the composition of advertising matter. Mr. Bennett sets up a large number of the ads which appear twice a week in The Record.

ANDERSON C. SMITH, OPERATOR.

"Oh Andy," is as common an expression in The Record office as on the cartoon page of a well-known State daily. For Andy, be it known, The Record's Andy is a sure source of information "when in doubt."

Mr. Smith is thoroughly versed in every phase of the printing business and an adept at whatever he puts his hand to. He is an excellent linotype operator, a make-up man par excellence and is, in fact, able to accomplish whatever task looms before him.

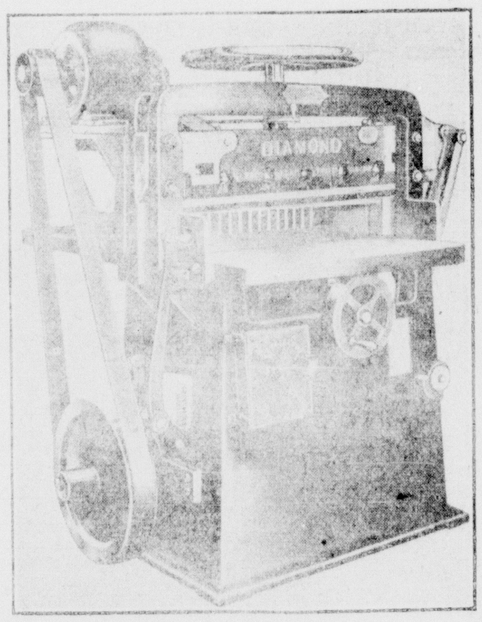
Mr. Smith is a quiet person of unruffled demeanor. He has manner of working steadily and conscientiously during every minute of every hour that wins him the respect of every man in the shop.

ALLEN STUART.

Allen Stuart is general utility man in The Record plant. His work varies from the casting of mats, in which molten metal is used, to the operation of a job press. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stuart, and has lived in Vernon two years, coming from Waco.

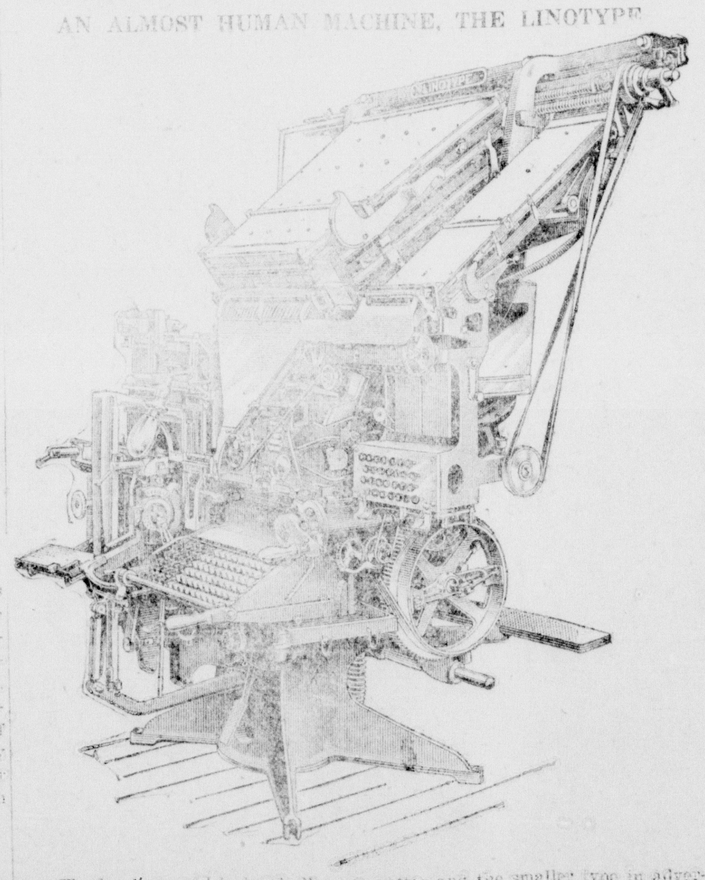
Stuart has been with The Record since a year ago last August.

CUTS THROUGH THE TALLEST STACK



Paper stock for job work is cut from large sheets before being sent to the pressroom for printing. The cutter as is all other machinery in the Record plant, is furnished power from its own individual motor.

AN ALMOST HUMAN MACHINE, THE LINOTYPE



The headlines and body of all news matter and the smaller type in advertisements are set on this machine. It is a modern 14 multiple magazine Linotype and it does the work of five men under the old hand system of setting type.

CLEVER LIGHT RAYS ARE GLOOM CHASERS

MODERN LIGHT PLANTS BRING COMFORT AND CHEER TO COUNTRYSIDE

Light is a harbinger of cheer. Darkness an omen of despondency. As the plant instinctively turns toward the light, souls reach out after the same. The first light was the red glow from the blaze of the camp fire as historic man rubbed the dry twigs together that ignited it.

Later the "tallow dip" took the place of fire places to be replaced later by the glass hand lamps of the fore fathers.

Then cities with a watchman armed with a latern, who nightly made his rounds calling out the time of night with "Alls Well," was the first street lighting system. Gas lamps replaced this and later the arc light made its appearance, and lit the "great white way" of the city's thoroughfare and its homes. And yet—the country slept in darkness and long winter nights found the country man and his family reading by the little glass lamp of grand father's time.

A good fairy who loved those who lived "next nature's heart," with his magic wand invented a lighting system that turned into a labor saver as well. Two of these wonderful things are the Delco Lighting and Western Electric systems. Now this busy servant has gone into the homes of the country side and transformed them into a town residence with all the modern conveniences and none of the draw backs of a city dwellig. The busy house wife turns on the current Monday morning, and the family wash is soon hanging on the line like the pictures the ad of a washing powder. Tuesday, if so inclined the electric iron, is brought off the shelf and the ironing is finisned in a jiffy. Wednesday is sweeping day and the "Missus" hooks the contraption to the vacuum sweeper and lo that job is done. Churning that task little Johnny hides from, is dispatched quickly.

And even "old Jersey" is given a drink from an electrically driven pump. Dish washing is a pleasure because they have by turning a tap—hot and cold water. A perfectly appointed bath room also contributes to their comfort and pleasure. Recently another good feature has been added, an ice machine that makes ice at home.

In the evening, the family gather round the big table where lessons are learned, games are played and mother with her book and father with his newspaper spend the evening.

As time for retiring arrives and the stock are given a good night inspection; a button is turned on at the kitchen door and the current speeds on it's way to light up the ghostly corner of the big barn. Shadows that caused shivers to chase up and down the small boy's spine are banished. Light the harbinger of hope has chased the gloom away.

The Western Electric system with Olen Turner as agent reports the following sales; Oklaunion and Harrold schools, J. B. Belcher of Odell, and Godfrey Streit.

C. M. Ladd, district sales manager for the Delco System has sold the following plants in the county: A. M. Bourland, Fletcher sisters, B. H. Lewis, General Auto Supply Company, W. A. Walker, Rex Boyd, H. M. King, C. L. King, W. F. Houtchins, Mrs. T. H. Holloway, P. H. Bingham, Mrs. J. C. More, W. T. Hutchins, Adam Donges, Roscoe Rainwater, Will Parrish, R. A. Boyles, Farmers Union Gin at Rayland, J. H. Ayres, Bourland Consolidated School, T. B. Bourland, Mrs. I. M. Smith, Jones & Wiggins, S. B. Starr, G. L. Waggoner, Frank Flynn, Mrs. Electra Wharton, E. P. Waggoner, J. F. White, W. B. Germany, W. B. Covert, J. P. Starr, J. F. Gregory, A. D. Anderson, T. M. Haney, I. G. Showers, Doc Vaughn, A. H. Vaughn, Dr. J. C. King, E. T. Smith, F. N. Dennis, C. M. Kester, L. G. Hamilton, Mrs. O. H. Muller, S. W. Gable, H. W. Gray, J. M. King, Wilson Drug Company, G. A. Shultz, W. M. McCaleb, Clyde Muller, E. Bourland, R. P. King, J. R. Caldwell, W. S. Bourland, R. E. Harrell, T. Bodling, W. M. Schur, C. L. Green, Christian Church at Oklaunion.

IF A HAMMER WON'T DO IT, PERHAPS A SONG WILL

W. D. Smithson and S. J. Lynch are engaged in repairing automobiles and operating a machine shop on the east side of the square. The firm carries a line of hardware suitable for the repair of the rough parts of cars.

Mr. Smithson is a former resident of Hillsboro, but has spent most of his time in later years in this county. Mr. Lynch has been engaged in mechanical work for many years. "Mike" he is familiarly known about town and his genial face of unusual quality can almost draw out the grouchiest

ALL READY TO RE-TIRE YOU AT ONCE

Here is the General Auto Supply o., formerly owned by R. W. Farrell and Herb Thompson, but now owned by Farrell alone. Thompson is seen on the left, Farrell in the center, and Roy Thompson on the right.

NASH ESTABLISHES CLIMBING RECORD

NEGOTIATES CALIFORNIA HILL TWENTY SECONDS UNDER FORMER TIME

According to a telegram received by R. E. Hanks from California, the Nash Six holds the famous Palomar hill climbing record.

The message from California read that a stock sport model, previously driven 6,800 miles in four weeks, broke the record of ten years' standing from the foot of Palomar Mountain to Bailey Hotel, a distance of 12.7 miles. The time was 34 minutes 40 seconds, on a raise of nearly 5,000 feet. In one stretch of eight miles there are eighty sharp turns.

The former record established in 1912, by a car, stripped to the chassis, was 35 minutes. Twenty cars since have attempted unsuccessfully to lower that record. It had come to be regarded as unbeatable until William Halbritter, owner of a Nash sport model, expressed a firm conviction that a Nash Six would "outstrip anything on four wheels on any hill in the country."

Told To Break Record.

"Then climb Palomar Hill," he was told. So the climb was arranged. Halbritter placed Walter Folcke at the wheel, his only instruction being to "break the record."

The official report of the run relates that although the roads were bad after seven inches of rain on the mountain, the start was made, and the record established. The car had its top up and carried three passengers.

THERE'S A FELLOW NAMED LEAK UP THE STREET WHO CAN FIX IT

The Vernon Storage Battery Company, owned by James W. Leak and A. H. Newsom, was established at the present location on E. Wilbarger street in 1916. Mr. Leak moved here from Odell where he engaged in the garage business. The Leak family came to Wilbarger in 1888, and since that time has resided in this county.

This firm handles the Prestolite and Philadelphia batteries, and repair starters and generators. It also carries a complete line of electrical supplies. The personnel of the firm consists of the managers and owners, and H. W. Banner, John Wilbanks and S. H. Leak.

MAXWELL COMPANY PROMISES SURPRISE

NEW SERIES IS SAID TO HAVE AROUSED ENTHUSIASM WHEREVER SHOWN

The reception accorded the New Series of the Good Maxwell in Detroit, where more than 4,000 people visited the show room of the Thompson Auto Company the first day the cars were on exhibition and several thousand more viewed the cars during the following week, is being duplicated in every part of the country.

Reports coming into the general offices of the Maxwell motor Corporation indicate that the new series has aroused a most intense enthusiasm in each city where they have been shown. Not since the earlier days of the industry when changes in models were regarded as real events, has the same interest been shown.

Details Are Complete.

Comment is, naturally, on the pronounced beauty of the New Series and a marked impression is made by their completeness, particularly the attention to detail which is exhibited in the interior fittings of the four passenger Coupe and Sedan. But the open cars have by no means suffered in comparison and much favorable comment has been expressed regarding their trim design, handsome appearance and the numerous innovations which set them apart.

In both Chicago and New York thousands of people visited the show rooms and attendance records for a showing of cars was broken in Cleveland, Toledo, Buffalo and in other cities.

BATTERY REVIVERS USUALLY FALSE

PATRON PAYS FANCY PRICE FOR EXCEEDINGLY POOR SERVICE

In the old days, gasoline economizers were quite in style with the get-rich-quick fiends. They were much more common than they are now. One could buy them in powder, tablet or liquid form and probably administer them in homeopathic or allopthic doses—for the effect was just the same.

As long as the car owner was very careful to have the carbon removed from the engine cylinders, the valves ground and the carburetor adjusted, and then apply the so-called economizer to the fuel tank, he was certain to get greater mileage per gallon of gasoline. And no wonder!

The same thing applies to the present day storage battery 'rejuvenators," "recharging solutions," and what not, that are being sold as mysterious compounds and wonderful discoveries which recharge your storage battery in twenty minutes. Any battery service station can do the same thing by doping a batery with strong acid—but they know the harmful effect of such treatment.

Public Is Duped.

The surprising thing is the willingness of many people to pay fabulous prices, $3 to $5 being asked for a single application of these dopes when most storage battery service stations would do the same thing for 25 cents.

There is nothing mysterious about pouring strong acid solution into a discharged battery and having it operate in twenty or thirty minutes afterwards. Any service station can do that, but the normal way to recharge a battery is to pass a current of electricity through it and avoid injuring it or shortening its life. The quick way is to pay $3 to $5 for about 25 cents' worth of strong acid—and then suffer the consequences.

SEES BRIGHT PROSPECT.

Sales For Past Eighteen Months Give Rosy Tinge To Future For R. E. Hanks.

R. E. Hanks, manager of the Nash-Vernon Company, is optimistic over the outlook of the automobile industry, and especially Nash sales in Vernon. This agency was established two years ago and has occupied its present quarters on Cumberland street for the past eighteen months.

Twenty-eight Nash cars have been sold to satisfied customers in the past eighteen months, which is undoubtedly a splendid showing. A new model on display at the show room is considered the finest automobile ever designed by Nash. The features of the Greater Nash Six consist of a new straight line body finished in the beautiful high lustre Nash blue, new and lower top with large rectangular window in rear, lowered front seat with broader cushions and a more spacious compartment, lower shield, door handles of bright silver on outside of car, pocket in left front door for tool case and rear doors of increased size giving easier egress and ingress to car.

Other added features are parking lights on cowl, and an accurate gasoline gauge on dash. This feature, it is claimed, is possessed by few other cars.

A powerful emergency brake is attached to the drum behind the transmission. The car is also equipped with specially designed easy riding springs and the Delco ignition and lighting system used.

A cork drilled cleanly through the center makes a neat joint for a broken gasoline pipe on a motor-cycle. The two broken ends of the pipe are stuck into opposite ends of the cork.

LIGHT and POWER ON THE FARM

Have you ever stopped to consider the comfort and convenience of ELECTRICITY on the FARM. Use it to LIGHT YOUR HOME and to SPEED UP YOUR WORK, as well as to relieve you of the drudgery of the daily tasks. There is a

Delco Light Plant

for EVERY NEED in the World—from lighting the smallest cottage to providing ELECTRICITY for a WHOLE TOWN. You can have an ICELESS REFRIGERATOR operated by a DELCO-LIGHT Plant, as well as any number of other conveniences which it provides. Come in and let us show you HOW USEFUL a DELCO can be.

Prices from $250 to $1675

C. M. Ladd, Dealer

Vernon, Texas

NASH

New Year Greeting

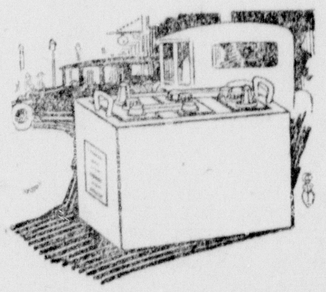
We take this occasion to extend New Year Greetings to our Customers and Friends, and solicit a continuance of your patronage during 1922.

We are moving to the Shive Building on North Main Street—just being vacated by the Hupmobile Sales and Service Agency. This will give us a more convenient location, and we will be in better position to serve you.

Inquire about our New Prices on Nash Automobiles — the greatest value ever offered.

Nash-Vernon Co.

R. E. Hanks, Manager



BATTERIES

Prest-O-Lite Battery Service
Philadelphia Diamond Grid Batteries

Your batteries are an important part of your Automobile. Cold weather is a dangerous time to neglect your Batteries.

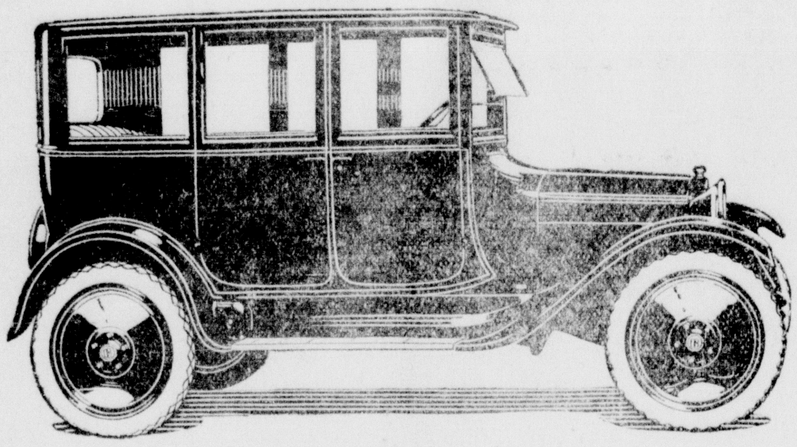
Another battery is furnished you at a small cost while yours is being charged.

The trouble with your car is usually found to be run-down batteries. Have them re-charged and see the difference.

"Happy New Year"

Vernon Storage Battery Co.

East Wilbarger Street.



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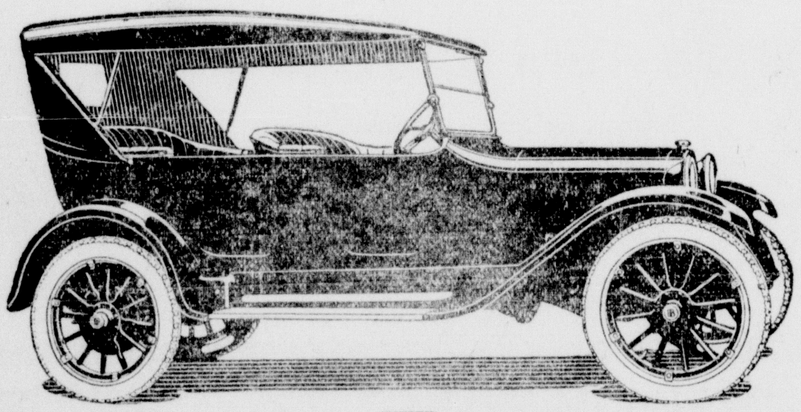
4 DOOR SEDAN



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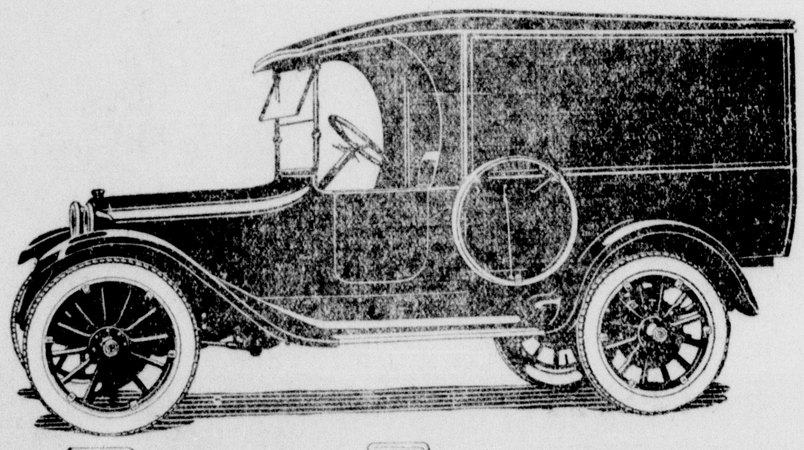
MOTOR CAR



DODGE BROTHERS
BUSINESS CAR

NO MANUFACTURER has endeavored to give the public more for their money than has Dodge Brothers in their excellent products.

We are endeavoring to make 1922 a prosperous year by giving full value for every dollar spent with us.

The price of cars has been substantially reduced, as well as the price of parts, and a great deal of quality has been added.

Our service has been reduced and the standard of quality increased by maintaining the most efficient and capable personnel that can be obtained.

Wishing prosperity and happiness to all—

J. A. McFALL

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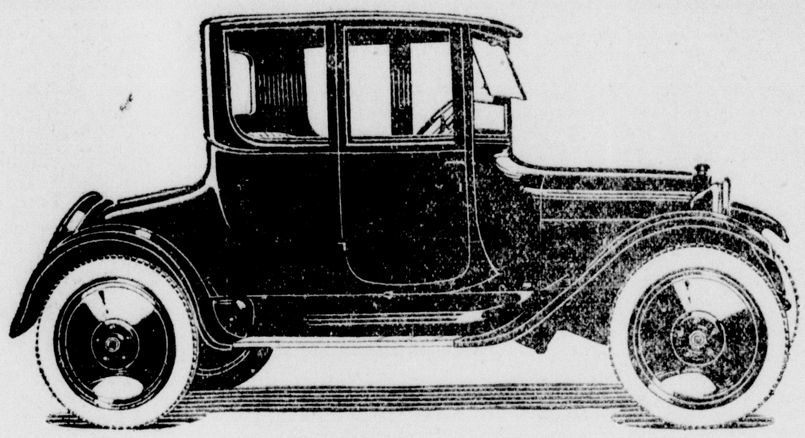

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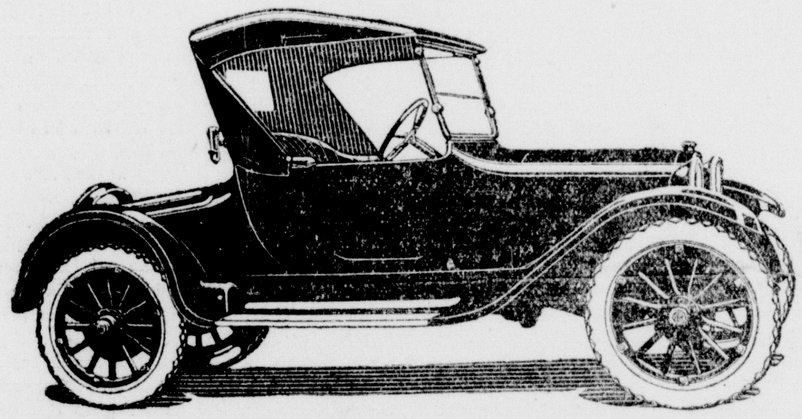

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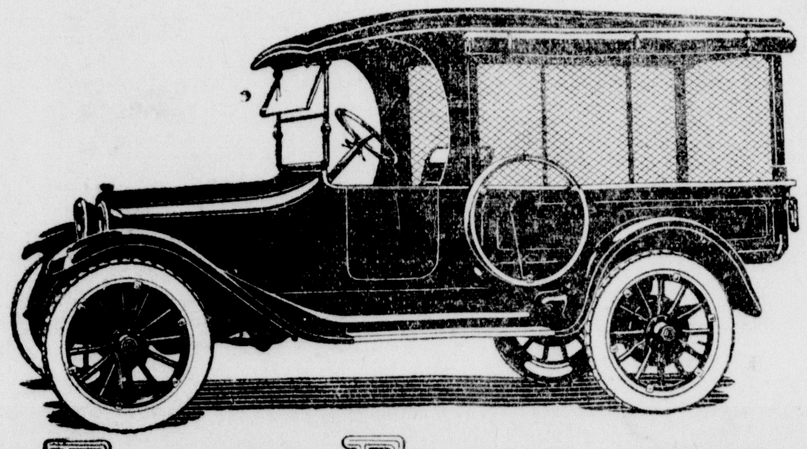
ROADSTER



DODGE BROTHERS
BUSINESS CAR

Telehone 444

330 North Main St.

OKLAUNION BEGINS WITH JOE WRIGHT AS POSTMASTER

Name of Town Designated Union Between Lone Star State and Oklahoma—Founder Departs When Railroad Fails to Arrive—Pioneers Still Live in Section—Came Without Families.

November 22, 1888, the Fort Worth & Denver established a right of way at Oklaunion although there was a settlement of people there before that time. In the fall of 1888 Joe Wright, who occupied a dugout at that place, decided that as one railroad had already arrived and another bid fair to come, the settlement would be a second Harrold, which at that time promised to be a city. So he, of great faith, decided to start a town.

The railroad in question at that time was to have been one running from north to south and known as the Cattle Trail road. At one time it had been staked through Doans, and was supposed to wend its way over Texas along the same path traveled by countless thousands of cattle on what was known as the Dodge City trail.

Name Designates Union.

As a means of designating the union of the two states, "Buckskin Joe" Wright named the new young town Oklaunion, Texas, a union between the sooner state and the Lone Star empire. The department accepted this name and Buckskin Joe became the first postmaster at that place.

The town not coming up to his expectations on account of the non-appearance of the new railroad, Buckskin Joe departed for greener pastures and afterwards attempted to start a town site at Navajoe, near the Navajoe mountains in Oklahoma. He was a born advertiser and wagon load after wagon load of new settlers passed through this county anxiously inquiring the way to "Navajoe, Greer county." Their pronunciation of the new town there was nearly as accurate as the pronunciation of Mexia by the oil men who flock to this new Eldorado.

Movement Continues.

Others took up the burden that had slipped off the shoulders of Buckskin Joe and men of dependability settled in and near the little village. Baptists built a church there in the early days and it still stands in the village, though unused at present. Rev. J. T. Hosmer, Methodist minister, held services there also.

A two story hotel was erected along about boom days and was presided over by a Mr. Tucker. P. M. Morris, deciding that a lumber yard would yield handsome returns, brought a branch of his Harrold plant to this place. Mr. Butler was manager of this yard. Mr. Morris lives in Vernon today.

Teacher From "Sticks."

The first school master was Prof. Dunnagin and came from the "sticks." He was a good teacher and well liked by all. In 1897, Lon Byars moved from his farm to the little town to educate his children. He spent two years there and since that time he or some of his children have engaged in business there. Mr. Byars at present lives in Vernon.

Some of the early settlers were C. C. King, an uncle of the King brothers of that place. Mr. Abbott, who had a general merchandise store there first in that place, D. L. Greene, who lives in Vernon, J. P. King, president of the First Guaranty Bank of Vernon, and Dr. Dr. T. A. King of this city.

I. M. Smith a Pioneer.

I. M. Smith, a native of Kentucky, came to this county in 1894 and with his family lived near Harrold for two years. He then moved to his farms near Oklaunion, where his family lives today in a handsome brick home on a six section wheat farm. Mr. Smith died in 1915 but as a successful farmer and business man helped to put the Oklaunion country on the map agriculturally. Part of this fine place is rented, but most of it is managed by Ed T. Smith, a son.

The King Bank & Mercantile Company erected the first brick buildings at this place and at present the building is occupied by the two grocery stores of Ben Scheluchin, and Clay Brite. Mr. Brite is the present postmaster. The First Guaranty Bank occupies the west side of the building.

Kings Real Monarchs.

The King Brothers sold their holdings and in later years have confined themselves to farming their 2,500 acres. Dr. J. C. King, and Dr. Tom King of Harrold and Vernon respectively, are the exceptions. The other five, Bass, Hugh, Mont, Roy and Ulyss are putting down a test well for oil within a half mile of Oklaunion.

Lon Byars, of whom mention has been made before, moved to this section of the county in 1879 and owns 1,002 acres of alfalfa and wheat land west of the town. Mr. Byars is an advocate of cotton. He thinks that without this crop that the schools would never have amounted to much at this place.

Families Were Scarce.

The large wheat farms were owned at first by men who "bached" and children were few and far between. After some of the farms were planted to cotton, more people were needed to till the soil and as families arived the children of course, made the schools.

Western towns in those days were noted for their many saloons; but Oklaunion, surprisingly enough, was never awarded that doubtful honor.

PIONEERS DISCOVER WEALTH IN COUNTY

TEAM OF HORSES SELECTS SITE OF HOME FOR H. A. BELL AND FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bell, living four miles from Odell in the Pleasant Valley community, are sitting back enjoying the fruits of their labors as pioneers in a western country. Undismayed by sand storms, drouths and floods, they have stayed on and great has been the reward.

In August 1883 they drove up in front of the site of their future home. The family in wagons had made a long journey from Dallas county. Undecided where to go they let the horses take their course and as they headed west they drove on until they were ready to stop. Here they have remained until this day, and still rejoice at their decision.

Constructs Dugout.

Mr. Bell, assisted by his oldest sons, at once dug a two room dugout and prepared for the winter months. The family occupied this two room shelter until twenty-six years ago, when they erected their present home of eight rooms. A few years later they added two more rooms.

Have Attractive Home.

The house is situated a short distance from the road in a splendid grove of black locusts and is one of the best residences in that part of the county. At the rear of the home are large barns erected seventeen years ago to protect the stock and house the bumper crops raised on the place.

Most persons, following the custom of the country, leave their implements where they finish using them. Not so with Mr. Bell and his sons. Seven years ago they built an implement house and in it is stored all the farm machinery when crop time is over.

Plants Wood Supply.

Twenty-five acres of their land is in orchard. Here the well-known Elbertas of the sandy land grow. Fifteen acres is in alfalfa and makes a splendid yield. In this county locusts grow like black eyed peas, and Mr. Bell, taking advantage of the fact, has planted eight acres in these trees which furnish him with wood.

The Bells use a tractor and eighteen head of horses to cultivate their 1,780 acre farm, and also own their own binders and thresher to harvest their crops.

Donate Home For School.

Realizing the need of a school in that community, Mr. and Mrs. Bell gave the use of one room of their dugout for a school house. Later, the pupils becoming great enough in numbers a school house was erected on the Pleasant Valley site. For years and even now this place is designated as Bell's school house.

Great revivals have been held here in years gone by, but now the Methodists hold services on a corner of Mr. Bell's land not far from the home of the pioneer.

Was First Teacher.

Miss Gabie E. Betts, now Mrs. Gabie Betts Burton, teacher in the Clarendon College and writer on religious subjects, taught the first school at this place.

Mrs. Belle Holloway, who at that time was Miss Hull taught three years here. Mrs. Holloway now lives at Odell. Miss Ethel Phillips was also an early teacher at Bell's.

Professor Elihu Dockery and sister, Miss Mary Dockery, are the present teachers.

One Son A Minister.

Six sons are living and Fladger, Roy and Sebe work on this tract of land. Arthur at present is in Quanah, although he also farms his own land here.

Walter was recently ordained a minister in the Baptist church and is in school at Fort Worth. Lloyd is in Colorado. The youngest son, Sebe, who recently married Miss Coffey of Dallas, lives at the home place with his parents.

Soil Prolific.

Twenty-four 500 pound bales were produced this year by Mr. Bell and his sons. In fact, twenty acres produced each 385 pounds of cotton. This crop ginned thirty-eight per cent lint, a remarkable yield.

It was grown in sandy land soil and planted late in May. A rain in June provided practically all of the moisture. The fields were cultivated three times and given no extra attention.

Excellent Yield On Strip.

On the same strip of land there has been produced sixty-five bushels of oats and twenty-eight bushels of wheat to the acre. Eighty bushels to the acre in oats is the best record thus far on the farm.

The H. A. Bell place is located eighteen miles west of Vernon, and four miles east of Odell.

WOULD NOT SELL AT ANY PRICE

J. R. ROSS WON'T EVEN PUT VALUATION ON PRODUCTIVE FARM

Three hundred and twenty acres of some of the finest land in Wilbarger county lie about sixteen miles north of Vernon. J. R. Ross of Odell owns this productive tract, and when questioned as to what he would accept as a purchase price candidly replied, "I wouldn't think of selling." Thus, indirectly but none the less forcibly, Mr. Ross has placed his value upon the land.

On between 130 and 140 acres this year ninety-six bales of cotton were produced. One hundred and six loads of corn were grown on the place this season. No wheat was sown for 1921, but in 1919 there was harvested thirty-two bushels to the acre.

Is Sandy Loam.

The soil is sandy loam, and every foot is productive. Mr. Ross rents out the place to two families, H. P. Killett and R. H. Moroney. Maroney came recently from Denton county practically penniless, and the past year purchased all his feed, supplied good and sufficient food for his family, bought an autonobile, a span of mules, a piano, and various other necessities and even luxuries.

Mr. Ross came to this county thirty years ago. He rented land in 1902, and finally obtained the present rich 320 acres at $9.50 an acre. Its worth today is more than twelve times that amount.

Battendorf & Battendorf
CHIROPRACTORS
If you are sick investigate, results are what you want.
Rooms 6-7—Denny Bldg.
Lady Attendant
Phones—Office 598—Residence 103

To My Friends and Customers

This is to express my Sincere Thanks to you for the Splendid Patronage you all have given me the past year. I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Always remember that I am ready to do your Painting and Papering.

I have a fine line of 1922 wall paper samples to select from.

Chas. Withers
Painter and Paperhanger
Phone 477

GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR

We would feel ungrateful if we did not take occasion to Thank our Friends and Customers of 1921 for the MOST VALUABLE of all gifts—their patronage. For 1922 we wish you Prosperity, Peace and Friends without number.

Our New Year Resolve

These stores are RESOLVED TO SERVE YOU even more efficiently during 1922 than in the past. You may be sure of always obtaining from us Prompt and Courteous Service, Groceries of the highest Quality, and a Conscientious Effort to MERIT a Continuation of YOUR PATRONAGE.

Massie-Vernon Grocery Co.
'Phones 619 and 721

Massie-Wright Grocery Co.
'Phones 47 and 747

FAITHFUL THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

—This bank has always bent its efforts toward SERVING the largest possible number of customers in the most constructive and helpful way.

—It has never wavered from its policy of absolute SAFETY, its adherence to the SOUNDEST BANKING PRINCIPLES, and its sincere desire to serve a larger circle of firms and individuals from year to year.

—We take this occasion to wish our FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS a Happy New Year; and to PLEDGE AGAIN OUR FAITH IN WILBARGER COUNTY.

WAGGONER NATIONAL BANK

Robert Houssels, President.
L. G. Hawkins, Active Vice-President.
W. O. Anderson, Vice- President.
T. H. Shive, Vice-President.
L. E. Piper, Cashier
S. C. Hogsett, Assistant Cashier.
W. H. Huggins, Assistant Cashier
H. O. Colley, Assistant Cashier
E. Norwood, Assistant Cashier

HARROLD A BOOM TOWN WHEN FIRST TRAIN ARRIVES

Excursion Comes From Wichita Falls and Much Excitement Attends Bidding for Lots—Settlement Springs Up at Once—Personnel of Those Who Lived There in Old Days.

Harrold ranked as a boom town from the date of the arrival of the Fort Worth & Denver, in 1885. In June, 1885, the first excursion on that road came into the new town site. For site at that time was all there was.

The excursion came up from Wichita Falls, and had been well advertised by those interested in selling lots. The train was so crowded that it was necessary that the passengers walk up from the water tank as the engine could not make the grade with all aboard.

Led By Band.

A brass band headed the procession into the prospective city and did yeoman service. Early that morning, to add to the excitement of the occasion a man bathing in the new railroad tank was drowned.

Divers went down after the body but failed to locate it. Finally some men went down on China creek to a Mr. Ogle's place and borrowed a rake. They tied ropes to this implement and fished the unfortunate man out.

Bid For Lots.

As soon as the special train arrived the fun of bidding on the town lots started. These lots, on a bald prairie sold from $100 to $1,000, and the excitement was as great as if a gusher had just come in, or a gold rush was on.

That night stores in tents sold goods over their counters, and saloons housed in the same kind of shelter offered liquid refreshments over the bar.

True, a few courageous souls had settled there in expectation of the railroad's arrival, but the main army arrived when the big excursion from Wichita Falls came marching into town.

Byars Finds Buyer.

Lon Byars, for many years a resident of this county, assisted by his brother, the morning of the boom killed an antelope and sold it to some "tender foot' for $25.

Saloons flourished and in August of 1885, thirteen had started business there. This number soon was swelled to sixteen, and after that one of the old timers claims to have lost count.

The grave yard at Harrold was started by the "planting" of prominent citizens of that place "who died with their boots on." George Cramner, a notorious man of the west, was killed there by a ranger during the boom and was brought back to a more peaceful place for burial at Doans.

Some Of The Early Ones.

A. J. Shayne, proprietor of a progressive business firm of Harrold in the early days, announces in his advertisement that you will find him on Main street two blocks from the depot, where he sells dry goods as cheap as could be bought anywhere."

J. E. Cobb an enterprising confectioner of that city, was found at no. 9 Front street.

Dr. S. S. Sumpter, physician and surgeon, was found over Ramsey's Drug store. An other drug store was that of C. E. McComas & Company.

D. C. Milan sold feed of all kinds and flour and bran " as a special inducement."

Fred Ripps was a manufacturer and dealer in Texas and California saddles, harness, bridles and spurs. In the four page special edition of the Vernon Guard in 1886 he is the only advertiser that has a cut of any kind to show what was sold with the exception of owners of brands on cattle.

Mr. Ripps was a famous saddle maker and his wares were known all over the west. When boom days were over, the leather man went with C. J. Green & Company to Quanah where he worked several years. He then went back to Wichita Falls.

From Vernon To Harrold $1.50.

The U. S. Livery stables had stands at Wichita Falls, Harrold and Vernon. Mr. Soule was manager at Wichita Falls, Oscar Holman at Harrold and Chas Lockwood at Vernon. The Company also operated the mail lines from Wichita Falls to Seymour and Archer City. The fare at that time over the routes was $2.50 round trip or $1.50 single fare from Vernon to Harrold. Mr. Holman, who died several years ago, also had a livery stable in the early nineties. His son Oscar Holman still lives in Vernon. Mr. Lockwood now lives in the east, but visited Vernon three months ago.

The livery business at that time was a veritable gold mine as cow boys and clerks kept the buggies and horses on the go night and day. True, horses did not last long but they were cheap and there were plenty of them to supply the demand.

Hardware at Harrold.

Two hardware stores, Anthony & Swartwood, and C. J. Green & Company, advertised in the Vernon Guard their large stocks of hardware, stoves, agricultural implements. McCormick reapers and binders, Garden city plows, and Deering binders. J. L. Swartwood lives in Vernon and the hardware firm of that name here was founded by him. The junior partner of Green & Company, Martin Stowdy, a traveling salesman now for a hardware company in Chicago, sells goods in Vernon.

Mr. Stowdy says that gambling ran wide open and lawlessness flourished until it was necessary to call in the rangers. Saloons and dance halls were the only places for entertainment at that time and cow boys shot up the town nightly.

Shoots Out Windows.

Mr. Swartwood in speaking of the late but not lamented George Cramner says that one day the "Hon. George," full of firewater and out for mischief, happened to notice his modest little hardware store. He gravely rode up and took a good look at it. Unfortunately something about the lighting displeased him, so he drew his forty-five and raked the glass out of both front windows. After he had "slept it off" he returned and paid the owner for the damage to his building.

That was an unwritten law of the west. No one ever failed to pay for the damage inflicted on his neighbor's property when sobered up and told how naughty he had behaved. If anyone was killed, that was a different matter.

For instance, Will Griffin in his camp on Wanderers creek while in a playful mood shot and killed three companions at one shot. He was placed in jail but was soon bailed out and freed with a small fine because the deed was done in the spirit of fun and not with malace of forethought.

Burying A Specialty.

Fakes & Company of Fort Worth had a branch house at Harrold and in their advertisement in the Vernon Guard of 1886 emphasize the fact that they sell coffins and carpets and "undertaking is a specialty." It is no wonder for their services were needed nearly every day.

The Windsor House was the big hotel of the city. Meals served there cost $1.25 per person. The rules of the house forbade men to eat without a coat. Should one be so unlucky as not to possess a coat, the obliging clerk loaned one. Turkey red table cloths with fringed napkins of the same hue adorned the long tables. Absence of screens added to the exercises if not the comfort of the guests.

This was remedied, however, by the installation of fly brushes suspended over the tables and worked by a cord in the hand of some husky youth. The flies soon learned this and took many a ride on the new merry-go-round.

Had It On Tap.

J. F. Cain supplied the town of Harrold with ice and states in an advertisement of April 1886 that he "can supply all other neighboring towns with the same commodity." He also sold beer in large quantities, the 6 or 7 per cent kind, "imported, bottled, and keg domestic," so his ad reads.

Appleby and English were land agents and surveyors as also were H. A. Lewis, and J. M. Thompson. In fact, real estate men were nearly as thick there as "lease hounds" are in an oil country.

Mr. English remained near Harrold long after the other agents folded their tents. Later when the boom struck Lawton, Okla. in 1902, he went there.

Sold 'Em Pine Boarding.

The Mayfield Lumber Company and William Cameron Lumber Company both were on the "ground floor" at the new town. One citizen of that place states that he bought lumber from them for $7.50 per thousand feet. Until these firms moved on as the railroad did, the citizens of Wilbarger and Greer counties as well as other western counties, lived in dug outs and log houses. The first dwelling erected in Wilbarger was made of pickets stuck upright in the ground and chinked with mud. The roof was dirt covered and the floor was of the same material.

Robinson Brothers & Company was the first wholesale grocery company in Harrold and did a thriving business. Before that time goods were hauled from Gainesville, in Cook county, and Wichita Falls. Up to that time freight was hauled in wagons from Cook county. This firm also sold at retail.

Pioneer Dry Goods Merchant.

O. P. Wood & Company was one of the dry goods firms of that place. Mr. Wood was a brother to Dr. B. K. Wood of Vernon, who was among one of the first to establish that kind of business in the lower Panhandle.

Like all progressive western towns, Harrold was not complete without the ever present news paper. Will Doak pulled the old Washington press for this breezy little sheet. B. Wilson Edgell, editor of "The Guard," often went down into the land of shootin' arms and returned with his scalp and page ads from the business men of that city. They were liberal advertisers in those days.

F. N. Davis ran a wagon yard at Harrold in boom times and at one time in the early days had a yard in Vernon. In fact, Mr. Davis owned wagon yards all over this new country and was very successful. He owned lots in every new town of any note on the Fort Worth & Denver. He is now in business at Mangum, Okla.

C. W. Israel & Company from Illinois conducted a private banking business at Harrold with a capitalization of $25,000. The firm owned a bank at Henrietta.

No Churches Erected.

It is said that no churches were erected in the town of Harrold during the boom, though Rev. J. T. Hosmer, a circuit rider of the Methodist church, held services there as did a Baptist minister.

Some of the early business men and farmers were; J. P. Bennett, W. R. Piper, D. H. Vaughn, John Hale, R. Cobb, I. M. Smith, P. M. Morris, L. E. Piper, Nick Piper, E. F. Piper, Anderson Smith, C. A. Allingham, John Showers, Dewey Morris, Ollie Morris, John Morris, Sam Kelly, Albert Mason, C. B. Mason, Ira Showers, and P. H. Robinson.

OWNS ELEVEN SECTIONS.

George B. Ancell One Of The Largest Ranchers In This Part Of The State.

George B. Ancell, living seven miles south of Electra, typifies the ranching interests of Wilbarger. He owns eleven sections of land, partly in Wichita and partly in this county.

Mr. Ancel raises black poll cattle, and has been a resident of this section since 1886. On an average of 1,000 head of cattle are kept on his extensive holdings.

LADD & ADAMS
TAILORS
215 E. Pease Phone 417

HIS PLUCK WINS HIM A FORTUNE

C. D. SHELTON CAME TO COUNTY ON PONY AND NOW IS LARGE LANDOWNER

C. D. Shelton of Odell is a worthy example of the guerdon to be won through perseverance and pluck in farming. Laboring, trading, using painstaking effort on all occasion, he has progressed from a forlorn individual who came to this locality on a pony, to an established land owner with two sections in Wilbarger and 3,000 broad acres in Beckham county, Oklahoma.

Mr. Shelton rented 100 acres in 1892 and sowed it in wheat. There straightway came storms which blew out the grain on all but sixteen acres. This tract produced sixten bushels to the acre. Ten cents a bushel was paid for threshing one-third of a bushel went to the landowner, and the bushel itself sold for twenty-five cents. With this munificent encouragement—Mr. Shelton stayed on.

Cotton Proves Backbone.

He finally traded an interest in thirteen head of cattle for an interest in one-half section of land. Some of this he owns today. Cotton has been his principle crop, although he has met with marked sucss in raising corn and alfalfa.

Today this progresive farmer owns between 100 and 150 head of livestock, and has raised some registered animals. He has used what may aptly be termed "common gray matter" in the methods he employs in getting ahead. Mr. Shelton, who planted some of the first cotton in the county, put none in the ground the past year because he possesed a surplus from the year before.

His renters, however, planted 500 acres. Crops this year have been mainly wheat and corn, the latter producing fifteen bushels per acre. Two thousand pounds of meat have been cured by this industrious farmer and his family.

Married By C. F. Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton were married on Christmas Day, 1898 by C. F. Doan, then justice of the peace. Mrs. Shelton was Miss Ada Holloway, daughter of T. H. Holloway on whose land the town of Odell was built.

Mr. Shelton is a firm believer in diversification. He credits any amount of success he has met with in obeying the principle of rotating his crops, and believes it is sure to bring results.

MAY the New Year bring you Peace, Prosperity and Contentment.

NED CURTIS

"LET ME MAKE YOUR OLD SHOES LAST LONGER"

New Year Greeting

To our Friends and Customers we extend BEST WISHES for the New Year. You will find us in the same old location, with the best of EQUIPMENT and WORKMEN to do all of your repair work.

Lowke Brothers

Pease and Fannin Streets

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Resolved:

That we will give the best service that is possible to give during the coming year in doling out that FAMOUS BRAND of INSURANCE THAT INSURES.

We appreciate your trade and the MORE YOU TRADE the more we appreciate. Our supply of appreciation is unlimited.

In making your resolutions, kindly point some of them in our direction.

Yours for a goodyear

Office Phone 257
Residence Phone 221
Waggoner National Bank Building

C. S. McColloch
(Old Mc)

We Believe in Vernon

The W. E. Thomas Lumber Company believes in Vernon and Wilbarger County. We believe that the DEVELOPMENT of this Town and County are limited only by the Energy, Determination, and Pull-Together Spirit of every citizen; and that no other place in Texas offers the Farmer or Business Man greater opportunities than may be found right here.

NEW YEAR GREETING

We take this occasion to thank our Friends and Customers for business during 1921 and to wish Every One Peace and Prosperity for 1922—and suggest that

One Good New Year Resolution

Would be a determination to Own Your Home another year. We maintain a complete stock of building materials. In addition, we strive to SERVE OUR CUSTOMERS by advising with them on all building problems presented to us. It is our pleasure to help you.

W. E. Thomas Lbr. Co.

Vernon, Texas.

PROMINENT FIRM HAS MODEST START

J. L. SWARTWOOD LOADED GOODS ON FLAT CAR AND CAME HERE IN 1886

Businesses have been started on shoe strings 'tis said, and tall oaks from little acorns grow has also been cited, but the business of Swartwood & Company had its beginning in a little tin shop where now stands the double brick building of this company.

The fall of 1886 after the railroad reached Vernon, Mr. Swartwood loaded his small stock of tin goods and hardware on a flat car and pulled out from Harrold for the new boom town on the Pease.

Lot Rented For $6.

He rented a lot where the Fergeson Drug Company now stands for six dollars a month, erected a shop and started in. In 1893, he sold out and moved to his present location, erecting a corrugated iron structure 20 by 30 feet. Here he had his tin shop and added a small stock of hardware. Ten years later, he erected the first brick. In 1907 he put up another brick as his business grew. Mr. Swartwood claims to have made the first metal tubs in existence.

Mr. Swartwood's business expanded so rapidly that in 1910 he persuaded W. A. Lane to come into the firm and help take care of it.

New Partners.

In 1918, J. E. Collins and George J. Mason bought in this firm. Mr. Collins still retains his partnership in this growing concern, but in 1920 C. S. Rutledge of Tolbert took over Mr. Mason's interest.

The business is of necessity divided into departments. The office force consists of W. A. Lane as manager with George James as bookkeeper and Miss Texas Coffee as cashier and stenographer. Here all the routine business is handled.

J. L. Swartwood, J. E. Collins, C. S. Rutledge, and J. V. Roberts have charge of the hardware department which is subdivided into general hardware, heavy hardware, stoves and ranges, glass ware and queensware cutlery and silverware, poultry and dairy supplies, sporting goods, guns and ammunitions, mill supplies, belts and pulleys, kitchen supplies in aluminum, tin and granite, paints, oils and varnishes, wind mills, gasoline engines, pumps and pumpers.

Is Well Equipped.

The harness and saddlery department with P. M. McKinley and J. D. Buhl: the tin shop with J. R. Burgess and R. E. Spears, and C. F. Swartwood and J. E. Spears as mechanics make up the other divisions of this busy store.

The buildings have a floor space of 16,500 square feet and last year the firm did a tremendous business. It is no exaggeration to assert that Swartwoods have the best arranged and equipped hardware store west of Fort Worth in Texas.

Elliott News.

Elliott, Dec. 29.—(By special correspondence.)—The Elliott Home Demonstration Club met December 26 with Mrs. Alice Snodgrass. 21 members present and 9 visitors. The following program was rendered:

Roll call—Response with scripture verse.

Reading of scripture by Mrs. W. E. Crim.

Song by the club—"Help Somebody Today."

Poem by Mrs. Henderson—"The Gift Scale."

Piano solo by Miss Estelle Kirk.

Reading—Miss Grace Kelly.

Song by Misses Lyda and Ura Wilkerson and Nona Mathews.

Recitation—Sue Gribble.

Violin solo—Miss Grace Kelly.

Reading—Mrs. Joe Boaz.

Piano solo—Miss Ruth Walker of Vernon.

Song by the club—"Somebody."

Recitation—"Encouragement" by Miss Grace Kelly.

Song—"Maggie O'Neal" by Misses Lyda and Ura Wilkerson and Miss Nona Mathews.

Talk by Mrs. W. E. Crim in the good of the order.

After the program there was an election of officers as follows: President, Mrs. Claud Waggoner, vice president Mrs. Joe Boaz, secretary Mrs. E. B. Gillis. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Hobart Rainwater, January 9.

Mrs. John J. Richards of Paducah came in last week to visit her brother, R. B. Gibson and mother, Mrs. M. L. Gibson, here.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Massie and daughter Adonell, Mrs. Anna Witherspoon and daughter, Wenzella and Mrs. Josephine Collins of Wichita Falls arrived Christmas eve for a visit with Mrs. Harry Mason and family.

CLUB MEMBERS WIN PRIZES

Boys and Girls Have Successful Year Under Management of County Agents

Five hundred and five boys and girls joined the various clubs organized by Guy L. Jones and Misses Edith Lacy and Eula Goodfellow during this year.

Two girls, Misses Marie and Vera Collins, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins of Odell, entered the baby beef club with two shorthorn calves.

The pig club had 111 members; the sheep club 3, the dairy calf class boasted of 7 and the baby beef club had 11 members.

Among the grain crops and vegetables are found 14 enrolled for peanuts, 58 for corn, cotton 12, Irish potatoes 3, while the grain sorghums swell the list with, milo maize 48, kaffir corn 28, and feterita 18.

The girls had enrolled in their particular clubs: poultry 110, home improvement 181, and canning 57. The girls in home improvement were taught sewing, to cook everything "from soup to fish", laundry work. Even old-fashioned darning and patching were learned by the up-to-date young women.

At the annual meeting of the short course at the A. & M. college, Miss Ramal Butler of Oklaunion won first prize on sewing, and Miss Vineta Little of Harrold carried off fourth honors in competition with fifty others.

Trips were won during the county fair by ten boys and girls in the various clubs and these were donated by public spirited citizens of the town and county.

Work submitted by Miss Helen Richie of the Wildcat community on sewing, darning and home improvement, brought three first prizes at the State Fair. Miss Ruby January of Haulk neighborhood received first prize on two quarts of canned vegetables at the State Fair.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy and has the same effect on Jill; so July 4th, forty-five girls spent two days at Allingham Park in this city and were entertained by swimming parties, picture shows and sight seeing. Mrs. Phoebe K. Warner from Claude, addressed them and other prominent men and women assisted in their entertainment.

In August the boys' encampment took place at the Fair grounds where they were addressed by prominent men on subjects in which they were interested and also mixed a whole lot of fun into two crowded days.

Guy L. Jones, county agent, resigned and went to Wichita county and Miss Edith Lacy's services were required in faraway New York.

The new county agent, D. P. Chaney, formerly of Foard county, and Miss Eula Goodfellow, home demonstration agent, are planning big things for the boys' and girl's clubs of 1922.

Tolbert, Texas

Tolbert, Dec. 30.—(By special correspondence.)—Mrs. Bellena Cooper, wife of W. V. Cooper died at Chillicothe and was buried at Tolbert, December 15. Rev. R. V. Tooley conducted the funeral services at the Methodist church here.

John Davis, a prominent grain dealer of Chillicothe, died very suddenly, at his home there, December 16 and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at this place. Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Davis was well known at this town having bought grain here for several years.

Rev. R. V. Tooley officiated at two weddings the past week at the parsonage. Saturday evening Buret Rea of Grandfield, Okla. and Miss Ila Pearl Davis of Farmers Valley were married.

Sunday morning Sam Rich and Miss Due Truet of Farmers Valley community were also united in marriage.

Frank Hildebrand and Miss Beulah Burk of the Wildcat community were married at the home of the bride Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Tooley officiating. Only the family and a few close friends of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony.

Jesse Owens a teacher in the schools at Thalia is visiting in Vernon.

Mrs. Allman Pitts and Mrs. W. G. McDonald have been with the Fergeson Drug Company during the Christmas rush.

Mrs. R. R. Wheatley and son Robert of Amarillo are spending the holidays with their cousin, Mrs. A. S. Ross and other relatives.

PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE

"it pays 5 ways"

Sickness, Accident, Permanent Total Disability, Old Age and Death

Dewey Wilson, Dist. Agent

Massie-Wright Building

Why We're Proud of Oklaunion

In extending NEW YEAR GREETINGS to our Friends and Customers, we take this occasion to suggest that we BELIEVE IN OKLAUNION —in its citizenship, its school and its fertile acres. That is why we're preparing to Serve You Better during 1922 than ever before.

Clay Brite

Dry Goods and Groceries

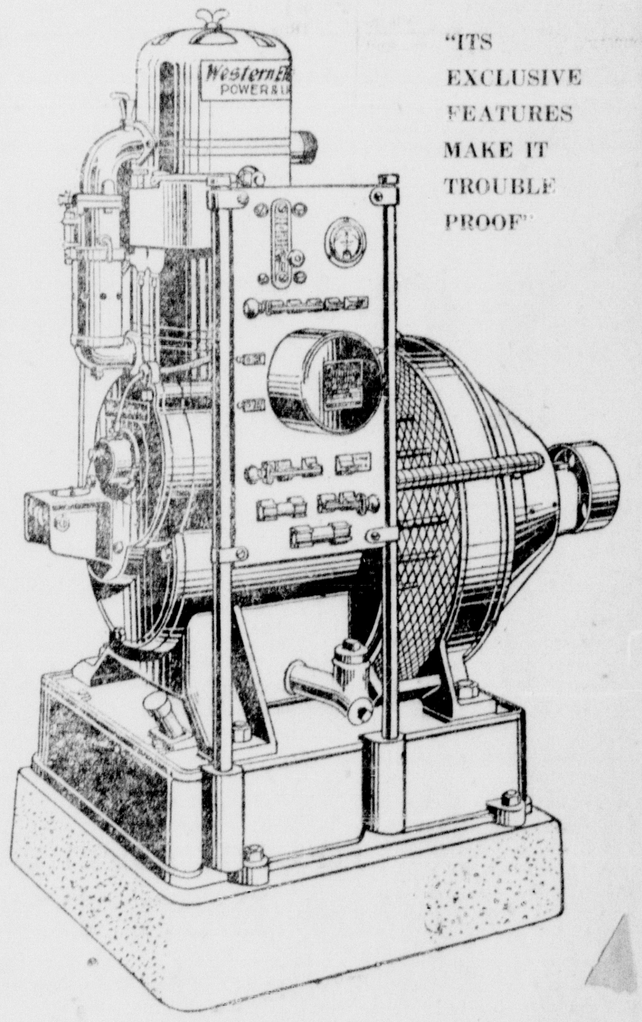
PERKINS TIMBERLAKE Extends Greetings for the New Year to Friends and Customers. May your enjoyment of Health, Peace and Prosperity be as unending as the days.

As a New Year Resolution, we suggest that the Prosperity of ALL would be multiplied if Wilbarger County would determine to double its production of Poultry, Hogs, and Dairy Products during 1922.

Perkins-Timberlake Co.

ASSOCIATED STORES

WESTERN ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHT PLANT



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The DIRECT CONNECTED type of Western Electric Power and Light plant is practically AUTOMATIC in its operation. A child can operate it. This guarantees you DEPENDABLE ELECTRIC SERVICE night and day for your farm. It will increase your working hours—by making it possible to do twice as much work in a given time as formerly—and it relieves farm and house work of practically all drudgery. See this plant in operation.

We take this occasion, too, to extend New Year Greetings, and wish you Happiness, Health and Prosperity for 1922.

Vernon Electric Company

OLEN TURNER, Manager

SPONSORS COTTON CROP FOR COUNTY

H. F. McKIBBIN STAKES FARMERS TO ENOUGH SEED FOR CROP

H. F. McKibbin arrived to make his home in Vernon February, 1893. He came from the sunny portion of Texas near Houston, and deemed this country very windy and bleak.

His first store was in the brick building now occupied by the Hawkins-Williams furniture company. Here he remained until his removal to the corner occupied by Russell's. He sold his stock of dry goods to this firm in the spring of 1918, and as has been at his present location, which he owns, since that time. His business is situated just south of the Waggoner National Bank on Main street.

At present Mr. McKibbin is selling out his stock of gentlemen's furnishings and intends going into the shoe business exclusively.

Faced Adversity.

Mr. McKibbin, having reached this county after the big wheat boom of 1891 and seeing the failure of the crop for 1892, decided something would have to be done or the country would go back to the jack rabbit and coyote.

He called in his next door neighbor, J. G. Matthews, who at that time was in the implement business next door, and they decided to buy a car load of cotton seed if the town would buy two more. A mass meeting was held next day at the Vernon Hotel and this was agreed upon by the others.

Hawkins Obtains Shipment.

L. G. Hawkins, vice-president of the Waggoner National bank was then station agent here, and he got permission from the Denver officials to "dead head" this seed into the county. Mr. Matthews took charke of the disposal of the seed, and when he couldn't sell it would give it away. Some flatly refused to take it on any terms saying they came out here to get away from cotton.

A "one horse" gin that broke down every few days with the nearest gin then at Henrietta compelled these diversifiers to buy up cotton in the seed. At one time Mr. McKibbin had all his money tied up in 75 bales of loose cotton which he stored anywhere he could.

Felt Bit Uneasy.

With a gin liable to go out of commission at any minute and seventy-five miles to another one, he says he was a little "shaky as to the outcome." The next year the farmers didn't save their seed so some more had to be dead headed in.

Later Greer county took this matter up, and through its small farms managed to prove to its Texas neighbors that with ten cent cotton they could support their families and get out of debt. At that time there was a saying that it took four sections of Wilbarger land to support a wife and baby.

RAYMOND H. NICHOLS

R. H. Nichols was formerly a member of Nichols-Brown Publishing company, publishers of the Vernon Record, and is now editor of the Amarillo Daily Tribune. Mr. Nichols is visiting here this week.

CALLED BIG FOUR AGENCY

E. M. Rogers, W. A. Larrimore and Wm. Blackwood Conduct Busy Agency

The Big Four Agency, composed of E. M. Rogers, W. A. Larrimore and Wm. Blackwood, with offices over the Dixon Dry Goods Company, is very busy for this time of year. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Blackwood are members of the city commision Mr. Rogers is also ex-county clerk of Wilbarger.

Mr. Larimore is a former sheriff of the neighboring county, Baylor. Members of the firm have been here for several years and are well acquainted with people and acreage of the county.

The Big Four makes loans on farms and brick business houses. It represents six different firms for insurance against death, fire, tornado and theft.

YOU'LL LIKE THIS KIND OF CANDY

ESTABLISHMENT IN VERNON MAKES ESPECIALLY LUSCIOUS SORT

"Candyland" is everything the name implies especially in the Holiday season and the owner and manager, G. D. Sauris invites one out to the kitchen where the huge copper kettles of bubbling candy smells like Christmas.

Under the deft touch of the candy-maker, the concoction turns into bonbons or with another touch, the mass comes out striped peppermint candy. The customer, watching the facinating scene, forgets the dozens of things yet to do.

Makes Candy 16 Years.

Mr. Sauris came to Vernon from Dallas three years ago and established this home of good things. He has been a candy maker for sixteen years. In the summer twenty-five gallons of ice cream and special orders of brick ice cream each day find a ready market. This cream is made in the immaculate kitchen along with the preserved fruits, fruit juices and syrups used in the soft drinks. Salted peanuts also are made in this kitchen and find a ready market among the children of the town.

Mr. Sauris sells candies both retail and wholesale. Some find their way to the small country stores by trucks and wagons. Other good candies known as box goods are sent to larger markets.

Plans Extension.

A delicious concoction made of divinity cream, caramel cream with an outer coating of whole pecan meats is called by the old fashioned name of Log Cabin, and along with the Liberty Cream is the special product of Mr. Sauris. When spring comes alterations and decorations will be made in the building and greater things are planned by the owner.

C. M. Caraway returned today from Dallas.

We have just received new samples Come select your suit now. Ladd & Adams. Phone 417. 100-2tp

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Miss Cleo Bowers left Wednesday for Clarendon where she has taken a position in the office of Judge E. A. Simpson. Miss Bowers will also study expression at Clarendon College while away.

STILL PUMPING EIGHTY BARRELS EVERY DAY

The Sigler discovery well in the field twelve miles south of Vernon. This well blew over the derrick in the spring of 1920. It started a boom that brought thousands of visitors to the city. Prospecting still continues in the Sigler field.

OLD FIRM WITH NEW NAME

Davis, Webb and Summerour Re-Organize Business Dating Back From 1893

Davis, Webb and Summerour, though recently organized, form an old firm dating from 1893 when the name was Hiatt & McHugh. Mr. Davis has lived in this county for sixteen years and has been in the real estate business all this time.

Luther Webb has been a resident of the town for nine years and the other member of the firm, T. J. Summerour, has lived practically all his life in the county. They represent twenty-three companies for fire, tornado, theft, live stock, and automobiles.

Some of the strong companies they represent have been in business for over two hundred years.

MATTRESS FACTORY MAKES "LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP."

Prices Mattress Factory another industrial plant of the city is situated at 426 North Deaf Smith street. T. H. Price, the owner, came here in 1918 and has engaged in this business since that time. Charles Lawson is a helper at the factory.

Cotton used in the mattresses and pillows is grown in Wilbarger county. The owner has a trade mark for the famous Price mattresses which sounds very restful to tired minds and bodies. It is "Lay Me Down To Sleep."

PARKER STARTS GROCERY IN 1886

ESTABLISHMENT HAS OCCUPIED PRESENT SITE FOR 18 YEARS

The Parker-Donges Grocery Company was established in this city by the late R. J. Parker in 1886 and the style of the firm then was Parker, Gill & Colbert. Mr. Gill sold out his share of the concern and Mr. Colbert died. Mrs. Colbert's share was purchased by Mr. Parker.

The first location was two blocks west of the present location, but later Mr. Parker moved to the building occupied by the City Bakery where he remained twelve years until 1903 when he purchased the lots where the store now stands.

Firm Reorganized.

In 1910 J. C. Smith bought in the firm and sold out to the Parkers in 1919 when the present firm was reorganized. Members of the firm now are Mrs. Birdie H. Parker, R. J. Parker, and Adam Donges. Connected with this store is the meat department with Joe Minarik and Earl Foster in charge. Mrs. Porter Stinnett is bookkeeper.

R. C. Lawson, R. E. Cabe, Porter Stinnett, R. E. Cabe, Joe Parker, Adam Donges, Ernest Cabe and W. W. Badger are in the grocery department. The concern also buys cream for a firm in Amarillo.

Last year this store sold over $110,000 worth of groceries.

SERVICE COMPANY EXPANDS.

Light And Ice Plant In Vernon Has Steadily Increased Capacity Of Plant.

The Texas Public Service Company opened business here in April, 1913. At that time it installed one twelve and one-half ton ice machine; one 100 K. W. generator and two boilers. The pay roll was $515 per month and six people were employed.

At this time the company has two machines with a twenty-five ton capacity per day. It has two 150 K. W. generators. On heavy pulls both generators are used, and one is always on the job in case of a break in the machinery. Four boilers of 625 horse power have been installed and J. N. Johnson, manager, says they are well equipped for any emergency.

This company also pumps all the water used and hauled away from this place by the Denver railroad. The present pay roll is $1,250 per month. Most of this amount is spent in Vernon. Eleven hundred consumers avail themselves of the opportunity to use electricity in some form.

J. N. Johnson, a former bookkeeper for the firm and a resident of Vernon for several years, is the present manager. W. R. Lane another long time resident of Vernon, is the cashier.

COMPANY HERE NINE YEARS

Gulf Concern Has Tank Capacity of 108,000 Gallons—Annex and Warehouse

The Gulf Refining company, with J. W. Coffee as manager established a station here nine years ago. The tank capacity of local buildings is 108,000 gallons. The warehouse holds 220 barrels of lubricating oil. The annex to this building holds a supply of 300 cans of cage goods.

Main shipments are Supreme oils, Instre light kerosene, and Good Gulf gasoline from the company refineries at Port Arthur.

Mr. Coffee, the manager, came to Wilbarger in 1885 from Illinois. He and his family settled down near Fargo but for the last decade have made Vernon their home.

Mrs. C. T. Smith is doing well after an operation Wednesday morning at the Baptist sanitarium in Dallas. Mrs. Smith was accompanied to Dallas by Mrs. S. W. Bailey.

OUR NEW YEAR Greeting to Friends and Customers includes an invitation to let us SERVE you more fully during 1922 than you have ever done. We have a complete stock of Hardware and Automobile accessories; also a limited quantity of the BEST Mebane Cotton Seed at $2.50, as long as it lasts.

Byars Hardware Company

Oklaunion, Texas

1921- Has been a successful year for us due to the loyal friendship and support of our people, and we beg each of you will accept our sincere thanks and this acknowledgment of our gratitude.

1922- Is before us all. To you we trust it will bring that great measure of success which we know that you deserve. This is our sincere and lasting wish.

In conclusion we ask that you bear in mind at all times that we sell only the BEST COAL, GRAIN AND FEED on the market and are always willing to serve you in the best way possible and that our CUSTOMERS MUST BE SATISFIED.

W. N. MARTIN

Successor to Ferguson & Martin

COAL, GRAIN AND FEED

Phone 603

Corner Fannin and Texas Streets

Classified ads are cash to everyone from now on. Do not ask us to charge them. We cannot afford to keep bool on them.

Lost Strayed or Stolen

LOST—One nine inch automobile lamp rim, between White City and Vernon, Friday afternoon. Finder please return to Record Office. 100-3p

LOST—Gold cuff button with diamond setting. Return to Record office and receive $5.00 reward. 100-3c

LOST—Monday afternoon on West Wilbarger St., a new crank for Chalmers car. Please return to R. L. Castlebury. 1tc

STRAYED—4 horses and 3 mules from southwest of town, Monday, Dec. 27th. Notify CLIFF JARVIS, B. 1303, or call First Guaranty State Bank of Vernon. 100-3p

LOST—Between Kramer Studio and Mrs. A. L. Sneed's residence Saturday night, 1 black folding purse containing $5.00 bill and small change. Kindly return to Mrs. A. L. SNEED at Russel's. 1p

LOST—One crank for Paige car. Return to A. M. WORKS and get reward. 99-3tc

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—One L. C. Smith No. 5 typewriter in good condition. Phone 190. 98-3p

FOR SALE—I have several hundred bushels of good corn for sale—MRS. K. WAGONER. 95-8tc

FOR SALE OR TRADE—one good double barrel shotgun.—Apply to L. G. GOULD. 1p

COW FOR SALE—Giving 4 gallons of milk a day. She is a Red Poll Durham, 5 years old, gentle and easy milked. She is absolutely without a fault. See her in my lot.—J. R. JONES. 1c

PURE East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup, 10-lb. buckets, one bucket, $1.50; six buckets $8.25. All prepaid. Guaranteed to be new East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup, bright and clear. Cash with order.—THE DEAN BROS. CO., Troup, Texas. 97-4p

WANTED

WANTED—Bookkeeping or clerical work, by young married man. P. O. BOX 1089, Vernon. 98-3p

WANTED TO RENT—Three furnished rooms with all modern conveniences.—Call Record Office. Ask for Hatcher. tf

WANTED—Second hand oil cook stove.—Phone 740, 221 Fannin St. 1tc

WANTED TO BUY—Hay, alfalfa preferred; hogs or pigs.—J. R. Jones, Vernon. 1tc

WANTED—Roomers and Boarders, $7.50 per week.—MRS. ANNA SMITH, 226 S. Fannin St. 100-3p

WANTED—A middle-aged woman for general housework. Apply 323 S. Cumberland St. Telephone 528. 100-3p

WANTED—Position as bookkeeper by experienced party by Jan. 1.—J. L. WINSLETT, Vernon. 98-3tp

Record classified ads brings results.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—A nice bedroom. Will give meals. Phone 192. 98-3tc

FOR RENT—A good five-room house, close in, all modern conveniences.—MISS ADDIE THOMASON. 99-3c

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished rooms for light housekeeping, all modern conveniences.—Mrs. Robert Boyle, 616 West Texas St. Phone 322. 100-3c

FOR RENT—Sleeping rooms and light housekeeping rooms. Phone 434. 1tp

FOR RENT—Upstairs bedroom close in, furnace heat, and all modern conveniences. Phone 48—128 S. Deaf Smith St. 1tc

FOR RENT—Beautifully furnished southeast bed room. All conveniences.—MRS. EUGENE KELTZ. Phone 659-251. 1p

FOR RENT—One good five-room house with convenient outbuildings. Three acres in cultivation and twenty in pasture. Also one three-room house with sheds; three acres in cultivation and seven in pasture. Both are near good graded schools.—R. B. JUDD, R-1, Vernon; phone 9029, R-15 99-3p

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished rooms.—1031 W. Texas Street. 99-3p

FOR RENT—Rooms nicely furnished for light housekeeping, to couple without children. Phone 706. 93-tf

SPECIAL NOTICE.

FOR FARM LOANS See Fentress and Walker, Waggoner National Bank Building. 97-5pc

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE—At my place three miles east of town, work stock, farming implements, some good milch cows, corn and maize.—B. H. McDONOLD. 94-8p

Record classified ads brings results.

CITATION ON APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY GUARDIAN

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wilbarger County, Greeting:

You Are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Wilbarger County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all Persons Interested in the Welfare of Uel Thomasson and William Thomasson, Minors:

W. H. Thomasson was by the County Court of Wilbarger County, Texas, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1921, duly appointed Temporary Guardian of the estate of said Minors, which appointment will be made permanent unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in January, A. D. 1922, the same being the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1922, at the Court House thereof, in Vernon, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minors may appear and contest such appointment if they so desire.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Vernon, this the 10th day of December, A. D. 1921.

VERNA LUCKY, Clerk,
County Court, Wilbarger County, Texas.
Fri-99-2t

In Re: Guardianship of the Estate of Ike Smith, Jr., a Minor.

In the County Court of Wilbarger County, Texas.

Notice is hereby given that I, Ed T. Smith, Guardian of the Estate of Ike Smith, Jr., a minor, have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for an order of the County Judge of Wilbarger County, Texas, authorizing me as the guardian of the estate of said ward to make a mineral lease upon such terms as the Court may order and direct, of the following described real estate belonging to the estate of said ward, to-wit:

All of the undivided interest of Ike Smith, Jr., in the East half of Section Smith, Jr., in all of the East half of Section the H. & T. C. Ry. Co.'s surveys in Wilbarger County, Texas, containing 320 acres of land, more or less.

Said application will be heard by the County Judge, at the Courthouse in the City of Vernon, Texas, on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1922.

ED T. SMITH,
Guardian of the Estate of Ike Smith, Jr., a Minor.

CITATION ON APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wilbarger County, Greeting:

You Are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Wilbarger County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of John Miller, Deceased.

Mrs. Minta Miller has filed in the County Court of Wilbarger County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of John Miller, Deceased, and for Letters Testamentary, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the 1st Monday in January, A. D. 1922, the same being the 2nd day of January A. D. 1922, at the Court House thereof, in Vernon, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Vernon, this 19th day of December, A. D. 1921.

VERNA LUCKY, Clerk,
By Autrey Westmoreland, Deputy.
County Court, Wilbarger County, Texas.

—BEST WISHES
—FOR THE NEW YEAR

We extend to our Friends and Customers Greetings for the New Year. Our New Year RESOLUTION is to SERVE YOU better during 1922 than ever before.

FREEMAN'S BARBER SHOP

R. L. Freeman, Proprietor.

COME TO OUR STORE
FOR YOUR GROCERIES

Your Cooking problems during 1922 will be most easily solved by coming right to our store and picking out your needs from our well-stocked shelves. Our stock is complete and you will have no difficulty in finding what you want for the most delicious meal.

If it is inconvenient to call in person, please remember that we are as "Close as your Telephone."

Puckett Brothers
GROCERS

Phones 255—256

We Believe in Vernon and Wilbarger County

¶ Our faith in Vernon and Wilabrger County grows with the years. We have unbounded Confidence in the future prosperity of the town and county. We are certain that the GROWTH of this Town and County is dependent only upon the Determination and Spirit of Co-Operation of its citizens.

¶ The foundation of all PROSPERITY is GOOD ROADS, GOOD SCHOOLS, GOOD CHURCHES. Our people must grow more and better Cows, Hogs and Chickens, and we must all be MORE CONSERVATIVE in our investment in luxuries.

¶ We thank our Friends and Customers for business given us this year, and wish every one the utmost of Health and Prosperity during 1922.

YOU CAN GET WHAT YOU WANT AT OUR STORE
Swartwood & Co.
HARDWARE & HARNESS
THE WINCHESTER STORE VERNON, TEXAS

WE WOULD FEEL UNGRATEFUL if we did not take this occasion to wish our Friends and Customers a Happy and Prosperous New Year. During the past month we sold more CANDY than ever before. Your patronage made this record possible.

CANDYLAND will be BETTER EQUIPPED to serve you next year than ever.

Candyland
"The Home of Sweets"

Resolve to Grow More Chickens During 1922

In extending New Year Greetings to our friends, we urge that you RESOLVE to GROW MORE CHICKENS and POULTRY during 1922. We will be glad to buy many times as much poultry as we have bought during 1921, and at prices that will net you a handsome profit.

Remember the Poultry Show in Vernon, January 13 and 14.

White Produce Company
North Main Street

OPEN UNDER NEW MANAGENENT

You will find a surprisingly clean and well arranged stock of groceries from which to select your supplies at Cook Bros. old stand. We are in position, too, to offer some prices which will be amazingly gratifying --- they will mean the saving of dollars to you on groceries.

For the New Year we extend a cordial invitation to you to ome in and look over our stock and get prices.

Cook Grocery Company
C. COOK, Proprietor

New Year Greetings

Let us TAKE YOUR RISKS during 1922. This will relieve you of worry, guarantee you from loss, and thereby leave you free to pursue PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES. With this suggestion, we extend Sincerest thanks for business given us during 1921, and wish you a glad and prosperous New Year.

White & Nowlin

HILL CREST ENTERTAINS WITH MUSIC NEW YEARS

The Hill Crest members will be entertained Sunday afternoon with a musical number. The following program will be carried out at the club home: Piano solo, "Impromptu," Rheinhold, Mrs. Harry Colley; Reading, "The Love of Music," Vandyke, Miss Annah Joe Pendleton; Violin solo "Souvenir" Drdla, Mrs. John Brown; vocal solo, "Solveig Song," Greig Mrs. E. C. Christian; piano solo, "Witches Dance" Taganini, Miss Vera Harrington; musical reading, "The Old Year and New", Edgar E. Guest, Mrs. C. J. Farrell; chorus, "Dawn," Thaikovsky, violin solo, "Last Movement Rode Concerto," Rode, Miss Catherine Pierce.

Returns From Pasteur Institute.

T. J. Stephens returned Tuesday from Austin, where he went for treatment, having been bitten by a mad wolf. Mr. Stephens did not have to take the treatment because of the fact that the skin was not broken.

He reports the other patients from here: Guy Puckett, Roy Davis and Willie Prendiger who were bitten the same night he was, as doing fine though very anxious to come home.

Willie Prendiger is taking double treatment because he was biten on the face.

The treatment will be over January 7, 8, and 9, and they will be allowed to return.

Holding Series Of Meetings.

Rev. A. Liebenstein, president of the Jewish Christian Association is speaking at the Baptist Church every night this week. He is an interesting speaker, and gives the Jewish viewpoint of Christianity. He will close his meetings Sunday morning when he will speak on the "Passover," and will be dressed just as the Savior was dressed upon the occasion when HE observed "The Passover" and instituted the "Lord's Supper." Don't fail to hear him.

Pageant At Church To Be Repeated.

The pageant "Birth of Christ" written by the pastor and staged by the congregation of the Central Christian church Sunday night proved to be such a success that by request it will be repeated Sunday night, January 1, at 7 o'clock.

The house was packed, no standing room and crowd turned away. The collection taken up for the old minister's fund amounted to between forty and fifty dollars.

Have You a Lot.

If you have a lot, either business or residence lot close in that you want to sell cheap, and on good terms, see or write me.

J. R. JONES, Real estate Agt.
Vernon, Texas

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Record classified ads bring results.

SALESMEN ARE HUSTLERS

Vernon Office of California Life Has Charge of Ten Counties.

The California Life Insurance company with E. M. Haney as manager and O. O. McCurdy as assistant manager have offices on South Main street Their district, with Vernon as the head office, embraces ten counties, and in spite of the financial depression sold one half million dollars worth of life insurance in the current year.

The sales force in the district is composed of thirty-two men, noted for their hustling qualities. This office has $3,800,000 in insurance in force on which the total annual premiums paid is the neat sum of $114,000. All of this money is invested or loaned in this district. In other words no money is taken out of the state permanently.

American Legion Will Stage Bout.

The American Legion will stage and eight round boxing contest on Wednesday night, January 4, at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Legion. Dalbert Webb of Vernon and "Stiffy" Turner of Amarillo will contest for honors.

Turner has fought "Clever" Joe Denton, "Shifty" Keith and Jimmy Hatcher while Webb has met Turner in two bouts losing the first and the second was decided a draw.

These boys put on the fight that makes boxing one of the greatest of sports. The proceeds derived from this contest will be used for furnishings for the new club rooms of the Legion.

Estray Notice.

If you have seen a stray black calf and black sow pig please notify Oscar Holman. Itc

Miss Frances Clark, who has been attending C. I. A. at Denton passed through Vernon, Saturday en route to her home in Crowell, where she will spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hines Clark.

Order that new suit from Ladd & Adams. Phone 417. 100-2tp

Clint Rogers returned Thursday after visiting relatives at his home in Hico.

Light hogs for sale. Will deliver them, dressed, anywhere in Vernon. Rudolph Streit, phone 9002-R 3. 1t

Mrs. W. C. Heath of Wichita Falls is here on a visit with her father, A. Allison, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rayzor and children are in Eddy visiting relatives and friends.

Get your cleaning and pressing done at Ladd & Adams tailors. Phone 417. 100-2tp

Mrs. Perry Griffith returned Friday from Mineral Wells where she has been for some time for her health.

Eric G. Schroeder returned Thursday after spending part of the holidays with relatives in St. Joseph, Mo.

O. T. Warlick of Los Vegas, former district attorney here was in the city on business a few days last week.

Mrs. Esther Kay and son, Happy, and mother, Mrs. M. L. Cole, are spending the holidays in Frederick, Okla. with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Walde, of Walters, Okla., spent Sunday and Monday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baird in West Vernon.

Mrs. Fred Hanna of Altus, Okla, returned to her home today after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Sumner.

Dr. Winston Pendleton and family of Kingfisher, Okla. arrived Tuesday night to spend the remainder of the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pendleton.

C. S. Smith came in from Lubock, Saturday morning where he has been a few days on business.

S. L. Coggins, principal of the Fargo schools has gone to Weinert for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hooper spent Christmas with Mrs. Hooper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deaverpoint at Pilot Point.

Mrs. Fred Nowth and children, and sister Miss Clara Riddle, left Tuesday for Paducah, to visit with their father, J. B. Riddle.

W. D. Pomrey District Deputy Grand Patriarch went to Childress Wednesday afternoon for the annual inspection of the Canton there.

Miss Grace Shamburger of Wichita Falls is the guest of Mrs. Dan Sumner. Miss Shamburger is a student at National Park Seminary at Washington, D. C.

T. B. Klepper, one of the owners of the Foard County News, passed through Vernon Thursday on his way to Crowell from Dallas.

Miss Lucy Healacher, teacher at Paradise is in Electra visiting relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pitts enjoyed a visit this week with their son, Carl of Wichita Falls.

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Garvin visited their daughter, Mrs. R. T. Pace and family, near Iowa Park during the holidays.

Rev. Nathan Powell, head of the Powell Training School in Dallas, is in Vernon in connection with the activities of his institution.

Lee Coleman of Duncan, Okla. spent Thursday with relatives here. Mr. Coleman is in the tailoring business in Duncan.

Mrs. Bettie Thomson of Crowell after a few days' stay with her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Norwood here, has gone to Wichita Falls to visit another daughter, Mrs. D. P. Beaty.

New Year Greetings

To those loyal friends whom it has been our privilege to serve during 1921—as well as to those we hope to serve—we extend SINCEREST THANKS and BEST WISHES for Success, Health and Prosperity during 1922.

READ THE CLASSIFIED WANT ADS.

WE THANK all our friends for their patronage the past year, and hope to have the pleasure of serving you during the New Year.

With best wishes for your Health and Happiness, we are at your service.

Kramer Studio

L. P. Kramer
Lillie Mae Campbell
Thelmae Batchelor
Pyrle Bradshaw
Bobbie Davis
R. F. Evans.

Have that Family Group made while all the folks are at home Now.

Phone 693 for appointment.

IT has been a Pleasure to Serve you during the Past Year, and we look forward to be of increasing usefulness to you during Nineteen Twenty-Two. We extend to you our Heartiest Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Dixon Dry Goods Co.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

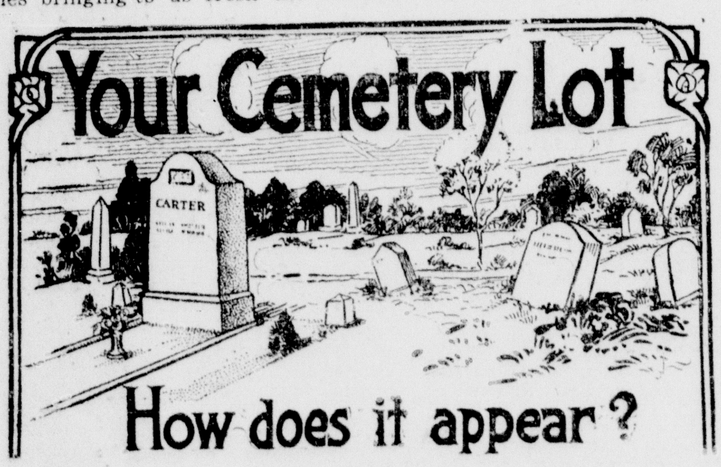
We extend to our Friends and Patrons Sincere THANKS for courtesies extended during 1921, and for the NEW YEAR wish you Prosperity, Peace and a multitude of Friends.

VERNON HOTEL

"Betta" Service and "Lotta" Sunshine, Proprietresses.

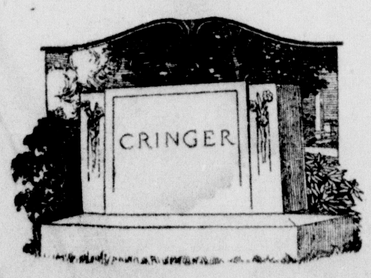
WITH GREETINGS FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We come offering you a proposition that you cannot afford to turn down. Money is scarce and times are "close," but the time never comes when we do not cherish the memory of our loved ones who have passed ahead of us. Let us perpetuate that tender care and memory with a mark of beautiful and lasting MARBLE or GRANITE at this most appropriate season of the year, and be ready for a few touches of loving flowers as SPRING comes bringing to us fresh the beautiful thoughts of the resurrection.



LET US FIX UP YOUR CEMETERY LOT WITH NICE COPING AROUND IT

For the next two weeks we will make you astonishingly low prices on all work we have in stock, and we have lots of it. We need the money right now, and right now is a good time for you to do what you want in this line. Do not let this opportunity pass, because you will regret it if you do.



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FOR OUR BIG SALE OF REGISTERED POLAND CHINAS

WE WILL OFFER FOR SALE

Friday, Feb. 10, 1922

8 Head of Tried Sows, bred to Transmission for March Litter. (Transmission is the Famous 1,000-pound Boar without a wrinkle.)

12 Head of Gilts out of Transmission, bred to our YOUNG BOARS—Laddie Boy, sired by The Ranger; and Orange Buster, sired by Cedar Hill Buster.

I have selected these TWO BOARS to cross on TRANSMISSION Gilts. They are from Boars that have WON THE PURPLE at the leading Fairs. Cedar Hill Buster was Grand Champion at the Texas State Fair, and The Ranger sired GRAND CHAMPION Boar at the Oklahoma State Fair. I believe that the Cross of these two Boars on TRANSMISSION Gilts will give you a Litter that the Breeders are wanting—hogs of Quality and Size. Everything offered is immune from Cholera.

While we are AFTER the BOLL WEEVIL it would be a wise idea for every farmer to grow a few good HOGS. These Sows will be sold on time.

Sales Day we will Show you a Boar 10 months old that weighs 450 pounds.

BE AT THE SALE by **11:30** and get ready to enjoy a Country Ham Sandwich and Coffee, which will be served at **12** o'clock SHARP. Sale will start at 1 P. M. in our Big Barn, so the weather will not bother.

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